

Shadowland

Gayle Ritt to Play Shadowland

Brendan Burke, Artistic Director of the *Shadowland Theatre* announces two evening performances on Valentine's Day weekend by singer/songwriter Gayle Ritt.

Ritt's performances will be the third installment of *Shadowland's* successful *Winter Lobby Concert Series*. Performances will be on **Friday and Saturday, February 11th and 12th at 8 PM**. All tickets are \$12 and *Aroma Thyme* will be selling refreshments. Reservations are strongly suggested. Please call the *Theatre* Box Office at **845-647-5511**.




Ritt, a Chicago native currently living in Hollywood and running her own label, Vaut Records, is one of the rising stars in the business. Known nationwide for her self-reliance and limitless drive, Ritt has just finished her "Gayle by Rail" tour by train throughout the United States and Canada, promoting the release of her newest CD "Remembering." Ritt wowed audiences with her "raw beauty" (*Chicago Magazine*) in cities including Las Vegas, Cleveland, Hollywood, Chicago,

New York, Miami, and Flagstaff. Her fifth CD to date, "Remembering" is a 12-song compilation of standards, including greats from Gershwin, Billie Holiday, and even Billy Joel, and was recorded live in Miami.

After touring nationally as the press liaison to the band Creed, Ritt decided to abandon her career in marketing and publicity a few years back and focus full time on her own music... and hit the road. "Remembering" and her previous release, "Becoming," have been lauded by critics and ushered her into the national spotlight... for herself. Ritt's style has been compared to Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant, Joni Mitchell, and Alanis Morissette. The *Chicago Sun-Times* has said, "Ritt's gutsy voice is an impressive instrument... she plays with a literate, lyrical eye." She tours almost non-stop, and will fly from Hollywood just for these shows.

"I'm overwhelmed that Gayle has decided to share her gifts with our community," says Burke, "She's the real deal." After having been forwarded information about *Shadowland's* burgeoning music series, Ritt wanted to take part. "She thought what we are trying to do was great and decided to fly in and be a highlight of our series." The rising demand for seats to the series (and the Valentine's Day connection) has made Burke add a second night for this booking. "I can imagine no better way to spend an evening on Valentine's Day weekend than to enjoy some great food in a romantic setting, and see one of music's rising stars," says Burke, "and for just twelve bucks."

For more information about Gayle Ritt, or to sample music, you can go to www.gayleritt.com. 

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