

Broadway's "A Night with Janis Joplin" at The Zeiterion, February 26

Featuring Tony Award-Nominated Actress Mary Bridget Davies as Janis Joplin. "Keeps the house rocking...with a throbbing fervor." The New York Times

The 34-city tour of the Broadway production A Night With Janis Joplin comes to The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center on Friday, February 26 at 8:00pm, starring Tony Award nominee Mary Bridget Davies. The show is a musical journey celebrating Janis Joplin and her biggest musical influences – trailblazers like Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Odetta, Nina Simone and Bessie Smith, all of whom inspired her to become one of rock and roll's greatest legends. Tickets from \$47 to \$67 are available at www.zeiterion.org, 508-994-2900 or at the Zeiterion box office, 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

Written and directed by Randy Johnson, the concert-style tribute stars Mary Bridget Davies as the iconic rocker, whose hits include "Piece of My Heart," "Cry Baby," "Mercedes Benz" and "Me and Bobby McGee." On stage, Davies will be joined by many of the production's Broadway cast – a stellar, eight-piece rock band as well as her "Joplinaires" – incredible female singers who provide the iconic voices of the blues and soul singers who influenced Joplin's music.



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“I feel a responsibility to be as honest and authentic as possible,” says Davies, who has spent years singing Joplin songs in concert and onstage. “You can’t fake the funk. You can’t fake Janis.” Praising Davies’ uncanny evocation of Joplin’s vocals and stage persona, the Washington Post theater critic Peter Marks wrote, “It’s a portrait, more than anything else, of a romance: a singer in love with the cleansing embrace of the crowd.”

Cleveland native Davies won local acclaim for her work in various rock bands, was asked to sit in with Big Brother & The Holding Company (Joplin’s original band, with whom she would later tour), as well as legendary blues guitarist Robert Lockwood. Davies received a Tony® nomination for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical when A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN debuted on Broadway in 2013. Broadway’s “A Night with Janis Joplin” at The Zeiterion,

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Joplin exploded onto the music scene in 1967 and, almost overnight, became the Queen of rock and roll. Her distinctive, husky voice “filled with raw emotion and tinged with Southern Comfort” is described by music historian Tom Moon as “devastatingly original.” And while we may not have the chance to see Janis live, The Los Angeles Times says “This electrifying concert musical resurrects the Queen of Rock ‘n’ Roll.”

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Davies’ appearance at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is part of the 2015/16 “Stories Untold” season. From September through May, this collection of 50 theater, music, comedy and dance performances will present tales told in many ways – from nationally syndicated NPR radio storytelling hour, “The Moth,” to classic tales told through dance with The Moscow Festival Ballet’s “Cinderella” and Arlo Guthrie’s fantastically woven yarn that led to the classic song and album, “Alice’s Restaurant.”