

Cape May Stage

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Pictured: Miche Braden as "Lady Day"

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Special Nights for Students, Faculty and WCFA at Cape May Stage

Cape May Stage, Cape May's renowned professional Equity theatre, continues its work with PNC in hosting two special evenings of theater at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse during its current run of Lanie Robertson's "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill." Students and faculty members should mark their calendars for November 15 and WCFA jazz radio listeners on November 22 to take advantage of these special performances of this poignant Billie Holiday story.

On Saturday, November 15th, all students and faculty members are invited to attend the performance at 8pm at the discounted price of only \$10 per ticket with a valid school ID. Cape May Stage and PNC encourage all college, high school and junior high school students as well as faculty members to take advantage of this special promotion. Then, on closing night, November 22nd, Cape May Stage is generously donating a portion of the evening's box office proceeds to benefit 101.5 FM Cape May, the jazz radio station at the Center for Community Arts.

"Lady Day" stars Miche Braden, as the musical jazz legend Billie Holiday. Ms. Braden marks her debut at Cape May Stage in what will be her eighth production of "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill." Dionne McClain-Freeney, a gifted and talented musician who recently joined the cast, accompanies Braden in the role of pianist Jenny Powers, bringing with her a natural and extraordinary flare to play music.

On stage from a young girl to an old-before-her-time 44, Billie Holiday mesmerized audiences with a commanding presence, evoking pathos and passion. During the show, Holiday gives a swan-song performance for a few regulars at Philadelphia's famous bar, Emerson's. Between her soulful renditions of such classic standards as "God Bless the Child," "Strange Fruit," and "When a Woman Loves a Man," the singer recounts the

highs and lows of her troubled life as an entertainer, from the mother she adored to the lover who introduced her to an unshakeable heroin addiction.

The Star Tribune calls "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" "...beautiful and heartbreaking," and the *London Times* hails the show as "original and riveting."

Tickets are \$35 adults, \$25 seniors, and \$12.50 students. Call (609) 884-1341 for reservations and information or visit the theatre's website, www.capemaystage.com. Dinner and a show packages are available with 16 Cape May gourmet restaurants. Call for details. The final public performance of the current run is at 8pm on Saturday evening, November 22nd.

The production is generously co-sponsored by Curran Investment Management.

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