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RIVER VALLEY REP PRESENTS “LADY DAY AT EMERSON’S BAR AND GRILL”

Poughkeepsie — This July, transport yourself back to 1959—the smoky confines of Emerson’s Bar and Grill are filled once more and the legendary Billie Holiday graces the stage for one of her final performances. River Valley Rep, the Hudson Valley’s new professional theatre company, brings this scene to fruition with “Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar and Grill,” the musical story of one of Holiday’s few gigs in four months prior to her death. The show, which kicks off River Valley Rep’s inaugural season, will open on Thursday, July 8th, with additional performances on July 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 17th at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees on July 11th & 18th at 2 p.m. All performances are held in the Nelly Goletti Theatre, located on the third floor of Marist’s Student Center.

Adult tickets are \$30; student and senior tickets are \$25. Discounted rates are available for groups of ten or more. All tickets may be reserved by calling the box office at (845) 575-3133.

With such favorites as *God Bless the Child*, *Don’t Explain* and *What a Little Moonlight Can Do*, this captivating musical is both humorous and poignant. Billie Holiday’s final days, though dark, were brightened by the beauty of her music, and “Lady Day” highlights this beauty. “Lady Day” is directed by River Valley Rep’s Artistic Director, Matt Andrews. For more information, e-mail info@rivervalleyrep.com or call (845) 575-3133.

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