**FORT SALEM THEATER HOST**

**TWO MUSICAL EVENTS**

SALEM, NY -- Fort Salem Theater, Washington County's Theater Home for Music, Musicals, and Cabaret, has planned a summer weekend filled with musical variety and excellence, featuring Capital Region singer Kelly Bird and the hip chamber musical trio, Riot With Three. Ms. Bird debuts her cabaret act on August 11 in a 5:30 PM Farm-to-Table Dinner Theater Cabaret at Gardenworks Farm. Riot with Three brings their program to the Cabaret at Fort Salem Theater on Sunday, August 12, at 2 PM.

Kelly Bird's cabaret excursion, titled "In My Own Way," encompasses but some of the variety of styles she has mastered in her thirty years as Albany's go-to person for singing opera to commercial jingles. A member of the adjunct faculty at The College of St. Rose, where she provides private instruction in voice, songwriting and production, she oversees the Music Industry Program’s “open jam” style repertoire class. She has starred in singing and non-musical roles in productions locally at Park Playhouse and CapRep and regularly demonstrates her extensive skills by performing classical and liturgical music both as a soprano or alto soloist.

In "In My Own Way," Ms. Bird tackles songs styles ranging from Leonard Cohen and Joni Mitchell to Duke Ellington, using her considerable musical skillset as a conduit to the depth of her emotional life, humbly painting a portrait of a woman who has taken the considerable musical gift with which she was born and elevated it to a level that defies description. She will be accompanied by her musical director Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius.

The dinner/cabaret begins on Saturday, August 11, at 5:30 PM, with a performance on premises following dessert. For more information and seating availability, call the theater at (518) 854-9200.

Riot With Three, at Fort Salem on August 12, at 2 PM, is a unique, hip chamber music trio, featuring soprano Alison Davy, saxophonist Javier Oviedo, and Gene Rohrer on piano, and devoted to engaging and entertaining audiences with surprising, lively and varied classical recitals. In 2016, they brought their extensive individual resumés together to create Riot, a new and vibrant entity. The music is serious; the presentation anything but somber.

Ms. Davy has appeared in opera and oratorio both nationally and internationally. including on the world premiere recording of Steven Lebetkin's "Six Songs on Poems by Walt Whitman" with the City of Prague Philharmonic. Mr. Oviedo works tirelessly to present the saxophone as a versatile classical instrument, performing across the country and around the world, from China and Latin America, to romantic musical cities including Barcelona and Paris. Gene Rohrer performed, both in New York City and Chicago, as an actor/singer/pianist in the role of Galileo in "The Top Ten People of the Millenium Sing Their Favorite Schubert Lieder," by Alec Duffy; and has toured as a pianist with baritone Saviero Barbieri and James Billings of the New York City Opera, with the Festival of Song Quartet, and the Gregg Smith Singers.

Tickets for Riot With Three can be purchased at the Fort Salem box office by calling the theater at (518) 854-9200.