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MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, February 21, 2009 - 7:30 pm

The **Folk Music Society of Huntington's HARD LUCK CAFÉ** will present two performers:

GRETCHEN WITT

Ripe with Femininity and Edge

Gretchen Witt grew up aahwl-sweet-n-peachy in the nice countryside of Ohio before moving at age 18 to the barbarous streets of New York City where she soon thereafter developed culture shock. It's been a great shock. She graduated from N.Y.U.'s Tisch School of the Arts with a degree in Drama, an education during which she scribbled lots of rhymes (where she should've scribbled exam notes) on the corners of her classroom notebooks. Compelled to perform original material, she decided to re-route her knack for performance towards song-writing. She has studied classical piano for eight years, has recently taken up the guitar, and has sung under her breath (to the annoyance of nearby others) all of her life. No one has yet, since this joyous departure into song-writing, been able to pull her away from the strings, the keys, or lyric-inspiring pencil set. Her vocal style is frequently compared to that of Alison Krauss, Natalie Merchant, and Tracy Chapman, however her style remains unique. The lyrics of each song have been widely agreed upon as the cornerstone of her work.



Come to a show, and listen closely! ...**Expect to be surprised!**

*on the same program with:
Long Island performer*

DENISE ROMAS

An Inspired Healing Angel

A beautiful voice and guitar accompaniment bring Denise Romas' special sound to well-known songs and her own well-written and often poignant originals. She is inspiring, heart warming and very moving — with a colorful sense of prose and lyrical mastery. Her voice is angelic and superb, her song writing is delicate and meaningful and her instrumentation is very tasteful.

Denise has been a part of the Long Island acoustic music scene for a quite some time. She is also known for her work in the musical narrative, "Lonesome Traveler", about Lee Hays and the Weavers. While not on stage in venues across Long Island, Denise can be found 'on stage' in her elementary school music classroom, where she feels honored to be each day, and says "There is nothing like the sound of children singing to sweep you away to a joyful place." ... **come and find yourself in a joyful place**



High resolution digital photos available on request to webmaster@fmszny.org

ABOUT THE CONCERT AND VENUE:

Concert at 7:30 pm, at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A). An "open mike" segment precedes the main concert. All are welcome at the open mike; sign up is before 7:15 p.m. Refreshments, including home baked goods, will be available throughout the entire evening.

General admission for this event is \$10, with \$7 for members. For more information regarding this event please call **(631) 425-2925** or email to info@fmszny.org

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