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## Don't Miss New Season Of Lobby Lounge Cabaret

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Travel the world with performer Heather Kopp without leaving the comfort of the lobby of the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. Kopp, who patrons might have recently seen as Suzy in Victory Productions' "The Marvelous Wonderettes" at the Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol, spent two years performing on Viking Ocean Cruises and plans to share her experience, cabaret style in "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

The show, which will take place at 7 p.m. Aug. 29, is the fourth performance in The Sharon's Lobby Lounge Cabaret series.

The venue launched the



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Heather Kopp, recently seen in "The Marvelous Wonderettes" at The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol, will perform at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center in a lobby lounge cabaret show about her experience working around the world on cruise ships.

series last year in hopes of providing patrons with an evening of good entertainment centered on a specific theme in an intimate setting.

Past Lobby Lounge Cabaret shows include Whitney Morse's "My Knocked Up Life" and Heather Ard's "My Life IS a Musical."

Tickets, which are \$25, can be purchased online at the villages entertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

Kopp will share stories and sing songs such as "La Vie En Rose," "I'd Rather Be Sailing" and "Voulez Vous."

"I thought it would be kind of fun to give people who have been on cruises some insight on what it's like to work on a cruise ship," Kopp said. "There will be some personal stories about experiences behind the scenes, told through music, which I think enhances

everything."

Through the cruises, Kopp got to travel to Italy, Greece, Germany, France, Spain, Slovenia, Russia, Sweden, Finland, Norway and more.

"I'll be singing some foreign language pieces as well," Kopp said. "I'm hoping it's a fun, anecdotal evening of reminiscing about what it's like to travel the world."

Kopp's passion for singing matches her love of travel.

"It's kind of the best job ever," she said. "It's like instant gratification because you get to see the people smile and give them an escape from the real world and their troubles. I feel really grateful that I get to make a living doing this."

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