

Folk Music Society of New York, Inc. / New York Pinewoods Folk Music Club

please announce

Concert: **Michele Choiniere** - Franco-American Singer-Songwriter

Friday, February 26, 2010; 7:30 PM

Broadway Mall Community Center

96th St. and Broadway, on the center island, NYC 10025

Michele Choiniere was born into a musical Franco-American family in northern Vermont, and from an early age performed traditional Franco-American music with her father Fabio, an accomplished harmonica player. In 1995, she began writing and composing her own songs and has performed throughout New England, Quebec and France. Her lyrics and music focus on nature, romance and social issues connected to being Franco-American. Writing and singing in both English and French, Michele powerfully expresses her cultural identity as a bilingual Franco-American from the New England borderlands. Her repertory and vocal style are as eclectic as they are evocative: jaunty French cabaret songs rub elbows with contemplative ballads and pop-pinged lyrical folk melodies. The overarching emotion of this music is a dark gaiety, sophisticated and brooding.

Ms. Choiniere represents contemporary New England "roots" music at its best. She has been featured on television and has recorded an archival collection of Franco-American music with her father. She is featured on the Smithsonian Folkways CD *Mademoiselle Voulez-Vous Danser: Franco-American music from the New England Borderlands*. Her debut solo album, *Coeur Fragile*, was recognized as one of the top ten Vermont albums for 2003 by Seven Days newspaper.

Join in the music on Friday, February 26, 2010; 7:30 PM at the Broadway Mall Community Center, 96th St. and Broadway, on the center island, NYC 10025. General Admission is \$15. Members of the Folk Music Society, \$12; children and full-time students under 23, \$6. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.choiniere.eventbrite.com; Information: www.folkmusicny.org; or 718-672-6399.

The next program at the Center is English singer Brian Peters on Friday, April 30th.

The Folk Music Society of New York, Inc. / New York Pinewoods Folk Music Club, an all volunteer organization, tries to maximize participation in traditional music by running events that are so much fun that no one can resist joining in. For more information on the web, go to www.folkmusicny.org

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