

2017 MetroStar winner Emily Ellet to open debut show “Uncharted” 2/22-2/25

Mark your calendars! **2017 MetroStar winner Emily Ellet** will make her New York cabaret debut in a **four-night run February 22-25** at New York’s historic Don’t Tell Mama with her brand-new show, “Uncharted.”

“Uncharted” will explore new beginnings, old habits, and the uncharted territory outside one's comfort zone. Directed by MAC and Bistro Award winner Stearns Matthews, with musical direction by Bistro Award winner Jeff Cubeta, the show features musical theatre, jazz, and pop favorites from Jerry Herman to Sara Bareilles, including what BroadwayWorld called her “dazzlingly original interpretation” of the 80s disco anthem “It’s Raining Men,” which clinched her win in the Metropolitan Room’s 2017 MetroStar Talent Challenge cabaret competition. Ellet and Cubeta (piano) will be joined by Los Angeles-based musician Brian Ward on guitar and bass, as well as Robin MacMillan on drums.

Of her work during MetroStar, Roy Sander (Review Editor, BistroAwards.com, and Chairman of the Judges, MetroStar Talent Challenge) said, “Beyond the loveliness of her voice, what distinguishes her work is the sensitivity of her interpretations—her ability to convey the feelings underlying a lyric by means of acting choices that seem like unguarded internal expression, not an actor’s artful contrivance. On top of that, she has the chops to deliver the big notes when her interpretation calls for it.”

Ellet won the final MetroStar Talent Challenge at the Metropolitan Room’s 22nd Street location. Started in 2008, “MetroStar” encouraged performers to present well-rounded stage performances in which creativity, innovation and authenticity are prized over vocal pyrotechnics. Past winners, in chronological order, have been Anne Steele, Liz Lark Brown, T. Oliver Reid, Marissa Mulder, Billie Roe, Lauren Stanford, Kristoffer Lowe, Minda Larsen, and David Baida.

Ellet was also the original Cat in the critically acclaimed production of Stephen Schwartz's "Magic To Do" on the Ruby Princess cruise ship. She has appeared off-Broadway and regionally with such companies as Reduxion Theatre Company, Oklahoma City Theatre Company, Vital Theatre Company, and the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and has toured with her own show, “Shining, Shimmering, Splendid!”. She has studied with Craig Carnelia, DB Bonds, Matt Farnsworth, and Sally Wilfert. Ellet is also a prolific audiobook narrator, with more than 150 titles recorded.

Performances of “Uncharted” are at Don’t Tell Mama, 343 W. 46th St, on February 22, 23 and 24 at 7pm, and on February 25 at 4pm. There is a \$20 cover and a 2-drink minimum (cash only). Reservations can be made by calling (212) 757-0788 after 4 pm or by going to the club’s website at www.donttellmamanyc.com.

For more information about Ellet, including performance videos, visit her website at www.emilyellet.com.