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Dominica Merola to sing at FAHC



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Montreal singer Dominica Merola will be back in Lewiston at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 20 to present her show "The Signs of Desire."

Last summer, during Festival FrancoFun in Lewiston, the public had a chance to enjoy Merola's performance not only as a vocalist but also as an accomplished piano player and music composer.

For this show at the

Franco-American Heritage Center on Cedar Street, she will present songs from "The Signs of Desire" in French. She will also sing songs in English with music composed by Geršwin and Bacharach.

Merola is a singer with a large voice and unique timbre that is both melow-sweet and fiery. She is a modern day bohemian who transports listeners into

worlds left unexplored by other artists.

In moving melodies and colorful rhythms, she weaves a unique musical space from influences both near and far. All these influences can be found in "Les Signes du Désir", her first CD, which was released in Montreal, Canada last spring.

Merola launched without hesitation into a solo singing career after studying music at l'École de Musique Vincent d'Indy in Montreal and theatre at Saint-Hyacinthe College in Quebec. She is a recipient of grants from the Quebec Council for the Arts and Literature and the Quebec Department of International Affairs.

She has participated in many prominent musical events including the Rideau Awards in Quebec City, the Coup de Coeur Francophone across Canada, the Rencontres de la Chanson à Salon-de-Provence in France, as well as festivals in Toronto and in the United States.

Merola has been invited to participate in various events in the United States including performances at the University of Maine in Farmington Maine, the FrancoFun Festival in Lewiston, and the Massachusetts Association of Foreign Languages Association in

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Sturbridge, Mass.

In February 2006, Catherine Perrin of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation wrote that she "has a velvet voice with a touch of timelessness about it...musically speaking, Dominica is a lovely object, certainly someone to discover."

More information about Merola can be found at www.dominicamerola.com.

For reservations, please call 689-2090. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for students and senior citizens. Doors open at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 785-1585 or visit www.francoamericanheritage.org.