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**PETTERINO'S MONDAY NIGHT LIVE
WITH CO-HOSTS DENISE MCGOWAN TRACY AND BECKIE MENZIE
CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**Weekly Open Mic Cabaret Showcase has Dazzled for a Decade
With Amateur Singers, Celebs, and Broadway Stars**

**Featuring a Special Menu, Cocktails and More in the Heart of the Loop's Theatre
District**

(Chicago) -- **Petterino's Monday Night Live** (MNL), the impromptu musical showcase hosted by **Denise McGowan Tracy** and **Beckie Menzie** will celebrate its **10th Anniversary** with a series of Monday night events beginning on **Monday, September 25** at 7:30 p.m. Petterino's is located in the heart of the theatre district in Chicago's Loop at 150 N. Dearborn.

"MNL began a decade ago with a simple concept - provide a unique entertainment option in Chicago's theater district on a typically "dark night". We've blended a sophisticated setting, professional atmosphere and appreciative audience for established and emerging singers to try out new work or simply have some fun," says MNL executive producer, founder and co-host Denise McGowan Tracy. "We're thrilled that it caught on and that the unique combination of talent, supper club setting and location has made MNL one of the longest-running open mic concepts in Chicago."

"We never know who we might see grace the stage at MNL," says co-host, pianist and award winning cabaret performer Beckie Menzie. "From Jeff Award winners to Tony Award winner **Jesse Mueller**; and legends like **Marv Levy**, **Marilyn Maye**, and **Bill Kurtis** – our guest performers have delighted us through the years."

Nearly 800 singers have stepped onto the stage over the years. Cast members from dozens of touring and local productions from theaters including The Goodman, The Lyric Opera, Porchlight Music Theatre, Kokandy Productions, Broadway in Chicago, and many others have popped up in MNL's audience. Jazz artists, cabaret performers, opera singers, pop vocalists have also shared their musical talents.

Petterino's Monday Night Live 10th Anniversary Celebration Series

The anniversary celebration will run for a month every Monday beginning September 25. Each evening will feature \$10 wine bottle specials; and a complimentary slice of birthday cake and Champagne toast for guests.

September 25 – The SOLD OUT kick-off event promises appearances by old friends and new from the cabaret community in the impromptu format that has delighted crowds over the years

October 2 – Special guests from the cast of *Billy Elliott* at Porchlight Music Theatre

October 9 – Special performance to be announced

October 16 – Special guests from the cast of the regional theatre premiere of *Fun Home* at Victory Gardens

Monday Night Live \$19.95 3-Course Prix Fixe Menu and Specialty Cocktail

As always, audience members may dine on the extensive Petterino's menu and avail themselves of the MNL special menu, as follows:

The **Dynamic Duo cocktail** celebrates vivacious co-hosts Beckie and Denise; gin, pomegranate, orange juice and lime juice, \$10.

Featured **starters**, choice of one: Choice of Tomato Bisque or Soup of the Day; Caesar Salad or Petterino's Salad; or Crispy Fried Calamari.

Featured **entrees**, choice of one: Five Cheese Ravioli, burrata, pomodoro sauce; One Hundred Layer Lasagna, parmesan, ricotta, and Bolognese; Almond Crusted Whitefish, vegetable gratin; or Chicken Pot Pie, all white meat, asparagus, baby carrots, peas, green onions.

Featured **dessert**, choice of: Seasonal Sorbet, Tiramisu, Chocolate Mousse Cake, Peppermint or Vanilla Ice Cream.

Petterino's Monday Night Live begins at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays. There is no cover charge, however there is a \$19.95 food and beverage minimum. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 312.422.0150. Discounted valet parking is available after 7 p.m. For more information visit www.Petterinos.com; and for more on MNL including photos and videos, visit the MNL [Facebook page](#).

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Denise McGowan Tracy, who pitched the idea to Lettuce Entertain You and produces and co-hosts the evening, has been a presence in Chicago's entertainment community on-stage and behind the scenes for over 30 years. She was the manager and House MC at the storied Lettuce Entertain You nightclub, Byfield's, in the 1980s. She's been a television host, Director of Entertainment for Navy Pier and is now the President of her full-service event company, DMT Entertainment and Events.

www.dmtentertainment.com She was honored by the Chicago Cabaret Professionals with their Gold Coast Award in 2014 for her career-long efforts to promote and encourage local talent. She returned to performing at MNL in 2007 after what she refers to as, "... a brief 25 year-hiatus."

Beckie Menzie is one of Chicago's most sought after performers and musical directors in Chicago and beyond. Hailed as, "indispensable to Chicago Cabaret" (Chicago Tribune), Beckie's Carnegie Hall debut was featured in Michael Feinstein's *Now & Then* series; other NYC credits include Jazz at Lincoln Center and Birdland. Beckie has received four prestigious After Dark Awards as well as the Gold Coast Award from Chicago Cabaret Professionals. Menzie also provides musical direction to many local and national artists and tours in concerts around the country with singing partner, Tom Michael. www.beckiemenzie.com

About Petterino's

Steps from Michigan Avenue, located in the heart of Chicago's Loop, Petterino's specializes in classic Italian dining, prime steaks and fresh seafood. In addition to lunch, dinner and brunch, Petterino's offers pre-theatre and after-work specials as well as power lunches for the downtown business community. Petterino's is open Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm, and Sunday from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm



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