

## Joëlle Rabu in Concert

*“Rabu is Edith Piaf, Bette Midler and Carole Burnett all rolled into one extraordinary performer.*

*Her passion-filled voice is spine-tingling and her stage presence electric.”*

Well-known for her ability to delve into several musical styles, Joëlle’s interpretation of classic European cabaret-style tunes and jazz melodies; her rich vocal timbre and engaging stage presence; her heart wrenching torch songs and comedic moments have left audiences spellbound and on their feet for more than 3 decades. A two-time Jessie Award winner and Juno nominee, Joëlle has won international critical acclaim for her theatrical portrayal of the Parisian chanteuse, *Edith Piaf*, the iconic singer whose recordings were heard throughout Joëlle’s French upbringing. Joëlle has toured throughout 5 continents, recorded 8 albums, and won numerous accolades for her torch singing style and international charm. Singing in several languages, she has starred in numerous theatre productions, performed for royalty and has made several guest appearances with major symphony orchestras across Canada and the USA.

Joëlle is accompanied by her son, arranger/composer/pianist, Nico Rhodes, a gifted musician who uses his extensive piano skills to frame and enhance the intimate power of his mother’s superb vocal interpretations. A rising star in his own right, Nico was raised on tour with his singer mom and lighting designer dad and a trio of musicians who nurtured his musical upbringing ‘by osmosis’.

*“Nico Rhodes’ musical ability is nothing short of stunning with breathtakingly fresh sounds and style radiating from this young musician whose hands effortlessly fly across a keyboard leaving us in utter amazement and jumping to our feet at the end of a solo!”*

From Piaf to Minnelli, Cole Porter to Neil Young and every style in between, the connection that these two versatile performers have on stage is electric. The humorous banter that can only stem from their inter-generational points of view; their life’s paths that have caused heartache and laughter; their vulnerabilities, and a rich, eclectic repertoire is the fodder that creates musicality and theatricality into an unforgettable evening of lively entertainment and lush musical moments.