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<sup>1</sup> Rock River Players present 'No Kings Cabaret' at  
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<sup>5</sup> The Rock River Players (RRP) present a "No Kings  
<sup>6</sup> Cabaret" Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24, at 7 p.m., and  
<sup>7</sup> Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m., at the Williamsville Hall, 35 Dover  
<sup>8</sup> Rd.

<sup>9</sup> Producer Annie Landenberger notes in a news release  
<sup>10</sup> that "the cabaret, with deep roots in France and Germany in the  
<sup>11</sup> late 19th through early 20th centuries, has historically been a

12 trend-setting form of entertainment featuring a variety of  
13 performance styles that's typically enjoyed from small café tables  
14 — which we'll have."

15 Cabarets are "usually adult-focused with a heavy dose of  
16 subversion," said Landenberger. "They've been a hotbed of  
17 creative energy for well over a century, offering out-of-the-box  
18 perspective and material. With a collection of scenes, songs,  
19 satire, and surprises—and in keeping with the essence of the  
20 cabaret — the RRP evening promises laughs, epiphanies,  
21 pleasures, and provocations."

22 This year the RRP annual cabaret will be infused with the  
23 satirical spine of the No Kings movement, but "rest assured," says  
24 Landenberger, "there'll be lots of laughs and love."

25 In addition to Landenberger, the Players' cabaret features  
26 Kay Beckett, Jonathan Benney, Tino Benson, Peter Broussard,  
27 Walter Cramer, Shafiya Finger, Sean Fitzharris, Eden Gorst, Sue  
28 Kelly, Alex Lacey, Randy Lichtenwalner, Jon Mack, Stewart  
29 McDermet, Cherie Moran, John Moran, Nick Morgan, John  
30 Ogorzalek, Jeff Seabaugh, Dawn Slade, T. Breeze Verdant, Rose  
31 Watson, and Rev. Yolanda. Dan DeWalt will be the accompanist.  
32 Jess Guerrero will operate lights.

33 Several acts on the program will feature songs by  
34 composers such as Tom Lehrer, Phil Ochs, Jonathan Larson, Craig  
35 Carnelia, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Bob Dylan, Stephen Schwartz,  
36 Kander and Ebb, and Howard Crabtree.

37 There'll be a short improvisation set, original satire,  
38 revived satires — including a little Monty Python — "news" clips,  
39 and excerpts from Sinclair Lewis's prescient 1935 novel, *It Can't  
40 Happen Here*.

41 Special guest Rev. Yolanda, a Windham County-based  
42 trans femme, gender queer singer-songwriter-performance artist  
43 and interfaith minister, will perform "I Pledge Allegiance to  
44 Myself," about the power of loving oneself completely.

45 Admission is \$15 per person, with seating at café tables,  
46 cabaret style. Home baked goods will be available by donation.

47 Cabaret goers are invited to bring whatever beverages they wish.

48 For reservations, visit [rockriverplayers.org](http://rockriverplayers.org).

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