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1 Rock River Players present 'No Kings Cabaret' at
2 Williamsville Hall

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5 The Rock River Players (RRP) present a "No Kings
6 Cabaret" Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24, at 7 p.m., and
7 Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m., at the Williamsville Hall, 35 Dover
8 Rd.
9 Producer Annie Landenberger notes in a news release
10 that "the cabaret, with deep roots in France and Germany in the
11 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.

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