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Songwriter's Showcase

@ The Gibson Centre

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Sunday April 4th, 2:00 to 4:00 Admission \$10.00 (50% to CLASS)

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Mary Lou's Minor's song-writing is influenced by her classical music background and a love of roots, country, jazz and bluegrass. Just a few of the country-roots artists who inspire her are Martha Scanlan, Eliza Gilkyson, Bonnie Rait and Gillian Welch. Her lyrics weave rich stories of life and love and her melodies will remain in your memory. She is a founding member of Three Penny Opus and resides in Cookstown, Ontario. She was a finalist in the Indiegrl international songwriting competition and was nominated for "best country" song in the Barrie New Music Fest 2009. Her songs have been heard on stages from the Havelock Country Music Jamboree to Toronto venues and summer festivals.



Linda Lucas has been songwriting and playing since she was fourteen years old. Her album *Alone in a Red Canoe: the Life and Times of Bill Mason* has been played on CBC's "Take Five," CIUT's "Back to the Sugar Camp" and CHRW's "For the Folk." She has twice been named Folk Artist of the Month on CFRO 102.7 Vancouver's program "Creativity Rocks" and her song "Paddlin' Yer Own Canoe" received honourable mention in the Ontario Council of Folk Festival's *Songs of the Heart* contest. She has played Toronto's Hugh's Room, London's Acoustic Spotlight and London Music Club as well as the open stages at *Summerfolk* in Owen Sound and *Live from the Rock* in Red Rock, Ontario. She also is a teacher of English and French with the Thames Valley Board of Education in London, Ontario. Her biggest influences are Joni Mitchell, Jann Arden and Gordon Lightfoot. Though she prefers fingerpicking folk music, she has been known to write the occasional bluesy or pop-oriented tune. The working title of her next collection is *Angry Songs for Bitter Women* but don't let the title fool you; she is writing songs that will make you cry in a good way, too.

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT *Amanda Guchardi*

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