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## Concert to feature songs you're ashamed to love

Canton show is set for Friday

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Vocalist Francesca Amari, left, with Broadway star Karen Mason. Amari will perform Friday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. (Photo from Francesca Amari)

Vocalist Francesca Amari takes her show on the road.

She makes her way from her home in Grand Rapids to venues all over Michigan, as well as Chicago and New York, to present "The Square Show: Songs You Hate to Love!"

"It stems from a conversation I had with my husband," said Amari. "I like Barry Manilow and the Carpenters, and he'd tell me I can't play them on his stereo.

"People like them, but are afraid to admit it, so their songs become guilty-pleasure songs."

Amari will perform at 8 p.m. Friday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The event will feature Broadway show tunes, contemporary pop and more. Rest assured: There will be plenty of Captain & Tennille and Broadway tunes covered, as well as audience participation.

"I kind of polled people about songs that come on the radio that they know all the words to and sing along to, but that they're not supposed to like," said Amari, chuckling.

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Amari, who is in her 40s, has been singing for 20 years -- the last five of them with an emphasis on cabaret-style. She is accompanied by Wright McCargar on piano. She talks about the songs and the groups before and after each song, she said.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets for Amari's performance cost \$10. For more information, call 734-394-5300. Contact **MARY LENDZION** at [mlenzion@freepress.com](mailto:mlenzion@freepress.com) or 248-351-3290.