



# NEW VILLAGE ARTS

MEDIA ALERT

**A Dash of Jazz, A Pinch of Theatre, and a Whole Lot of Flavor! New Village Arts Announces Limited Engagement of**

## ***I Can Cook, Too!***

**Written by and Starring Erica Marie Weisz**

**Running May 11th-26th, 2025**

*For immediate release: April 16th, 2025*

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**Carlsbad, CA** – New Village Arts is delighted to announce the limited engagement of *I CAN COOK, TOO!*, a cabaret-style celebration of song, stories, and sumptuous cooking tips, written by and starring local favorite Erica Marie Weisz. This one-of-a-kind show runs for a limited time from May 11th through 26th on the Ray Charles Stage, with select Sunday and Monday evening performances!

*I CAN COOK, TOO!* features popular jazz standards and musical theatre melodies in a light-hearted cabaret-style show that has been inspired by Erica's passion for food. Expect a fun evening of toe-tapping tunes, fabulous cooking tips, sparkly gowns, and heartfelt stories in this unique show written by, and featuring San Diego native, Erica Marie Weisz. Along with her live band, Erica Marie has re-imagined this previously sold-out delightful gem, in a revamped adaptation inspired by Carlsbad Village, for the New Village Arts stage.

Erica Marie Weisz has been seen on the NVA stage in *THE 39 STEPS* and *THE THANKSGIVING PLAY*. A Portuguese San Diego native, Erica Marie has graced stages including Moonlight, Welk Resort Theatre, Performance Riverside, Cygnet, and New Village Arts! Credits include *BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL* (Marilyn Wald), *GUYS AND DOLLS* (Adelaide), *GREASE* (Rizzo), *HELLO, DOLLY!* (Irene Molloy), *LUCKY STIFF* (Rita), and most notably, *ADDAMS FAMILY*



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(Morticia). With a passion for big band/jazz music, Erica shined as emcee/vocalist for Performance Riverside's "A Night with the Big Bands" concert, and was the vocalist for Moonlight's "Casino Night"! Erica enjoys cooking, trivia, is a registered dental assistant, and adores her long-haired dachshunds.

Originally premiering to sold-out audiences at Vista's Broadway Theatre, the show has been lovingly re-imagined for the New Village Arts stage, incorporating the spirit of Carlsbad with nods to local eateries, farmer's markets, and the artistic vibrancy of the village. We asked Erica to share about the creative process of writing the show:

*I struggled quite a bit when theatres were shut down during the pandemic. Not being able to connect with people through performing took a huge toll on my spirit, so as a distraction, I started cooking- a LOT, and posting my food pictures on social media. Inevitably, I'd get loads of people asking me for recipes, so I thought, "Why don't I just SHOW you how I cooked this!". I began live-streaming my meals, and gave tips and tricks, and that turned into recording and posting my recipes, which then birthed my YouTube cooking show, "[Quarantine Cookin' with Erica Marie](#)". Seeing friends and strangers trying and sharing my recipes brought me a JOY I hadn't felt in a long time.*

*Once theaters slowly started opening up, Vista's Broadway Theatre was looking for cabaret-style acts they could safely bring to their stage. It was here that I was presented with an opportunity to share my craft. Combining my love for singing jazz with my passion for cooking for my loved ones was a no-brainer, and "I Can Cook, Too!" was born! When the initial manifestation of this little cabaret was so well-received, I knew I had something special and every performance was SOLD OUT.*

*I am so grateful to be adapting this show once again for New Village Arts. As I have been creating this reincarnation of "I Can Cook, Too!", I am heavily inspired by my time here in beautiful Carlsbad Village: the wide-array of fabulous local restaurants, farmer's market on Wednesdays, and of course, my wonderful friends I've made while performing here at New Village Arts. This venue is indeed a perfect environment for this light-hearted food-themed cabaret, and I am so very excited to have this opportunity to share my voice and cooking knowledge (and a few laughs!) with a new audience!*



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New Village Arts is thrilled to produce Erica's one woman show, featuring incredible storytelling, delicious music and even surprise guests at each performance! Get your tickets now for this delightful limited engagement!

## **THE BAND FOR *I CAN COOK, TOO!***

<b>Patrick Marion</b>	Music Director & Piano
<b>Martín Martiarena</b>	Bass & Guitar
<b>Jon Berghouse</b>	Percussion

## **CREATIVE TEAM FOR *I CAN COOK, TOO!***

<b>Haley Baugher</b>	Stage Manager
<b>Marcus Rico</b>	Sound Technician
<b>Tori Jones</b>	Dresser & Assistant Stage Manager

## **Performance Days and Times**

Sunday, May 11th at 7:00pm  
Monday, May 12th at 7:00pm  
Monday, May 18th at 7:00pm  
Sunday, May 25th at 7:00pm  
Monday, May 26th at 7:00pm

## **Tickets and Subscriptions**

Tickets range from \$20-25 Online & \$25-30 At the Door.\*

\*Not Including Fees

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## **About New Village Arts**

Celebrating 24 years of award-winning professional theatre and thriving education and outreach programs, New Village Arts (NVA) has truly become the cultural hub of North County San Diego. NVA attracts more than 30,000 patrons each year to experience professional theatre, music and art events in the heart of Carlsbad Village. In addition to full seasons of plays and musicals



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featuring some of the best artistic talent in Southern California, NVA hosts talkback discussions and other supplementary events designed to create conversation and cultivate community. New this year, the White Family Next Stage in the Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center presents a series of music, comedy, and spoken word events throughout the year. NVA offers robust theatre programs in partnership with local schools and strongly believes that theatre and arts experiences should be accessible to all people, becoming a recognized leader in equity, diversity, and inclusion in San Diego. NVA has been fortunate to receive support from the City of Carlsbad and other local businesses, who recognize the importance of a resident professional theatre company as a crucial component of an inclusive and creative community. In turn NVA prioritizes serving its community by presenting works that respect its diversity, engaging every citizen with relevant and inspiring stories.

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