



EXHIBITION HALL ■ VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM ■ WILLOW ISLAND ■ ARENA

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2008 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT EXHIBITION HALL

MADISON, Wis. – Let ladies' night turn into ladies' weekend as a diverse group of women make their way to the Alliant Energy Center's Exhibition Hall to take in the 3 R's – relaxation, recreation and rockin' musicians. The Alliant Energy Center is proud to announce the 2008 National Women's Music Festival will be held at Exhibition Hall June 19-22, 2008.



Artist Edie Carey

The purpose of Women in the Arts (producers of National Women's Music Festival) is to "promote and affirm the creative talents and technical skills of women in the visual, performing, and fine arts." In doing so, the WIA makes every effort to cultivate the growth, knowledge and empowerment of women in all other aspects of their lives.

For its 33rd annual event, the National Women's Music Festival is pulling out all the stops by filling the schedule with a large variety of activities to entertain and inspire. Main stage performers include All the King's Men, Andrea Gibson, C.C. Carter, Christy Snow, Cris Williamson, Driftwood Fire, Ellis, Edie Carey, Jamie Anderson, Judy Piazza, Lisa Ferraro, Lynette, and more! The Festival also includes day sessions on a variety of topics, some of which are drama, drumming, health & wealth, politics and multicultural issues. There will also be a writer's series, spirituality series and animal lover's series, covering a wide range of interests.

Having previous host cities around the Midwest, the 2008 National Women's Music Festival moves to Madison, a city known for its love and support of the arts. After rained-out concerts in the past, the festival will be indoors this year to be ensure activities go on as planned, rain or shine. And what better place to hold the large event than Exhibition Hall, with its 30,000 square feet of lobby space to let natural light in, 100,000 square feet of hall space and nearly 19,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. The proximity to downtown Madison and a large number of nearby hotels were also a factor in the decision because participants travel from all over the US.



The festival kicks off on Thursday, June 19 at 2:00 pm and is packed with activities throughout the weekend. The festival is expected to finish at 3:00pm Sunday, June 22. For more information on the festival and a complete weekend schedule of events, visit www.wiaonline.org. Tickets can be purchased through the WIA Web site in advance or at the festival June 19-22. To find out more about events at the Alliant Energy Center, visit www.alliantenergycenter.com or e-mail Ted Ballweg at ballweg@alliantenergycenter.com.

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About Us: the Alliant Energy Center is a full-service multi-building complex situated on a 164-acre campus in Madison, Wisconsin. It features Exhibition Hall and Veterans Memorial Coliseum, as well as an Arena building, agriculture exhibit buildings, and the Willow Island natural area. Information on the Alliant Energy Center and its many events is available at www.alliantenergycenter.com.