

FRANCESCA AMARI BIO

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Relocating from Michigan to California in 2010, Francesca Amari has earned recognition from New York to Hollywood with her critically-acclaimed cabaret shows since her 2007 New York City debut, *"SECRETLY SQUARE: Guilty Pleasure Songs"* @ the esteemed Metropolitan Room. She debuted her Square show at the famous Gardenia Supper Club in West Hollywood in 2010, where she earned rave reviews. Francesca has appeared in the AZ, FL & PA Non-Equity premieres of *"Midlife! The Crisis Musical"* by Broadway veterans, brothers Bob and Jim Walton; appeared in concert again at The Metropolitan Room with Broadway stars Karen Mason, Teri Ralston & cabaret legend Andrea Marcovicci. In 2008, Francesca was a guest artist at the prestigious Lyrics and Lyricists Program at the 92nd Street Y in NYC with Ms. Marcovicci.

Francesca has been touring the country the last 3 years with her newest cabaret show, *"YOU MAKE ME LAUGH: A Love Song to Gilda Radner,"* premiering it in 2011 at a 10-day festival for Gilda's Club West MI, and sharing the schedule w/ Betty White, Bill Cosby, Margaret Cho & more. She has raised more than \$1,000 for Gilda's Clubs and cancer support organizations whenever she performs it. She is one of the creators and performers of a brand new, hit show called *"Palm Springs JUMP!"* which pays tribute to the old glamour of Palm Springs and the Hollywood stars who have lived and performed there.

Francesca tours w/ her Midwest-based vocal trio, the Boogie Woogie Babies, performing with Symphony orchestras and at Performing Arts Centers. A finalist for both Voice of the Valley and Palm Springs Voice, Francesca has been nominated for 2 Desert Theatre League Awards for best Musical Theatre Performer (*"Sister Robert Anne's Cabaret Class"*) and Actress (*"G.I. Jukebox"*). She is a veteran actress who has appeared in dozens of theatrical productions, including *"Love Letters," "Pump Boys & Dinettes," "Taffetas," "Beehive," "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"* & *"A...My Name is Alice."* She's worked as a Teaching Artist for Tools for Tomorrow and McCallum Theatre Institute; was the Social Media Manager for Windy City Publishing; and directs audiobooks for Brilliance Audio.

For 10 years, Francesca was an adjunct faculty for Aquinas College, Western MI University & Grand Valley State University, teaching Drama in Education & Storytelling; and for more than 20 years, has taught and directed children's theatre.