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## Nautilus Music-Theater returns to live performance in Lowertown with 'Stations of the Heart'



Performers in Nautilus Music-Theater's "Stations of the Heart" include Elena Glass, left, Dee Noah and Sara Ochs. (Courtesy photo)

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Nautilus Music-Theater in Lowertown St. Paul has reopened with its first fullystaged production, "Stations of the Heart."



Scenic artist Sara Hermann puts the finishing touches on Victoria Petrovich's set for Nautilus Music-Theater's "Stations of the Heart." (Courtesy Nautilus)

The theatrical song-cycle about the joys and despairs of love was created by lyricist Jim Payne and composer George Maurer. According to Nautilus, "'Stations' combines the lyrical finesse of the Great American Songbook with the sophisticated compositions of one of the Twin Cities most celebrated jazz musicians."

Excerpts from "Stations of the Heart" have been presented over the years during Nautilus' Rough Cuts works-in-progress series. The completed work is described as funny and poignant meditations on human yearning, filtered through a contemporary sensibility and rooted in the bittersweet recognition that "love may be beautiful, but it sure isn't pretty."

COVID restrictions will be in place. Performances run through Oct. 17 at Nautilus Music-Theater studio, 308 Prince St., #190, in Lowertown St. Paul. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$20 for students and seniors. For information, go to <a href="Nautilus Music-Theater's Facebook">Nautilus Music-Theater's Facebook</a> page.



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