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## **Mama Jam! Concert Features Eclectic Pop & Rock Sounds of Mama DIVAS**

EVANSTON - Just in time for Mother's Day, Women In Need Growing Stronger (WINGS) and the Vocal Gymnasium presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mama Jam! Showcase featuring Mama Divas that rock. On May 1, 2008 the doors of Evanston's newest event venue, The Society for Preservation of Arts in Evanston (The S.P.A.C.E. at 1245 Chicago Ave.), will open at 7:00PM for a night of food, fun, and entertainment benefiting the non-profit. Advance tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at [www.wingsprogram.com](http://www.wingsprogram.com) or by contacting WINGS administrative offices at 847.908.0910.

Wendy Morgan...a mama diva herself, serves as hostess to Stephanie Rogers (Singer/Songwriter and Pop-Rocker), Marjie Killeen (formerly of Mid-life crisis band), Nancy Davis-Shaffer (Singer/Songwriter formerly signed to Warner/Chappel) and, Jeannie Bonansinga (Singer/Songwriter and Kid's music artist). According to Ms. Morgan "I wanted to do something to help women and partnering with the WINGS Organization seemed a natural fit." In addition to her partnership with WINGS, Wendy is the founder of the Vocal Gymnasium a Premier Vocal Studio specifically working to develop voice talent in people all ages through private voice lessons and style coaching, offering recording, performing, audition and creative speaking classes at The S.P.A.C.E.

"As an organization that encourages independence and fearlessness in women who are getting out of domestic violence situations, we are excited to present a group of women who are able to balance the hectic life of raising a family and the excitement and hard work of sustaining a musical career" says Cheraé Robinson, Public Relations and Marketing Manager at WINGS. "Having the values and drive that these performers have is critical to the success of our clients as they work to rebuild their lives and their children's lives as well." Robinson says.

WINGS offers transitional housing, emergency shelter, and outreach services. The Safe House, a 15,000 square foot facility opened in January of 2005, has already helped over 700 individuals flee from domestic violence. The facility can house up to 45 clients each night and provides medical, legal, and financial advocacy as well as therapeutic counseling and access to housing and other resources. In addition to the Safe House the agency has 24 apartments and homes located in Chicago, Chicago's north and northwest suburban Cook County and portions of Lake County in Barrington. In all, WINGS provided 32,906 nights of shelter for clients last year.

For more information or to purchase tickets please visit [www.wingsprogram.com/events.htm](http://www.wingsprogram.com/events.htm) or contact Kari Tank at 847.908.0910 x 221.

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