

**VALERIE LEMON** performed across the United States as concert soloist for Academy Award-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch. Her twelve-year association with Mr. Hamlisch also resulted in a solo corporate industrial act which he wrote for her and which she has performed to great acclaim in venues around the globe. Her client list include, among others, Starlight International, AT&T, Coca-Cola and Gulf Life.

Valerie made her New York City cabaret debut with a sold-out run of her solo show, The Way of the Heart, and returned with her triumphant tribute to the legendary Jane Froman, A Song in My Heart: The Jane Froman Songbook. Successful runs at Mama Roses and Helen's Hideaway have been followed by engagements at The Sheldon Center (St. Louis), The Music Conservatory of Westchester and the 2005 Summer Concert Series in Pelham, NY sponsored by State Senator Jeffery Klein.

A four-year veteran of the Mabel Mercer Cabaret Convention (2003, 2004, 2005 & 2007), Valerie has also entertained audiences at The Hamptons Cabaret Convention, the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y; Lyrics & Lyricists Series, Women of Rhyme and Song and as a special guest of Andrea Marcovicci at the Oak Room of the Algonquin Hotel, NYC. Valerie returned to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in a tribute to Mabel Mercer appearing with Jeff Harnar, KT Sullivan, Lumeri Tubo and Craig Rubano.

November 10, 2007, was the beginning of Jane Froman's Centennial Year Celebration, which culminated in a special performance in her home town, Columbia, MO, saluting her life and music. Valerie appeared in concert with the Jane Froman Singers, conducted by Nollie Moore. The movie *With a Song in My Heart*, starring Susan Hayward, was released on the same day for the first time, on DVD. Valerie appears in the special features on this DVD. During this celebratory year, she took this show across the country to such places as the Brownville Concert Series and was invited to entertain the Missouri National Guard at their yearly event in Jefferson City.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Valerie came to New York City as a seventeen year-old scholarship student at the American Musical Academy and was soon cast in her first national tour, The Student Prince, conducted by Lehman Engel. As an actress, Miss Lemon has appeared in many off-Broadway productions and has also had the honor of touring with Diana Rigg in the pre-Broadway tour of the musical Colette. A Protégé of Metropolitan Opera star Hakan Hagegård, Valerie has appeared in Stockholm as a special guest on his television musical-variety show. In addition, her music has allowed her to travel and perform internationally as a solo vocalist and entertainer aboard major cruise lines. She is proud to have sung the National Anthem at both Madison Square Garden and Shea Stadium.

Valerie and her collaborator/director, Eric Michael Gillett, are hard at work on her new project; Marvin Hamlisch, the Man and his Music, to be debuted this fall at the Metropolitan Room in NYC.

The Jane Froman Songbook has been released as a live CD and is available at CDbaby.com, Colony Records, Amazon.com and through her website; [www.valerielemon.com](http://www.valerielemon.com), as is her debut recording; The Way of the Heart.

Valerie is thrilled to be appearing at the Gardenia Room and to have opportunity to re-introduce Jane Froman to Hollywood.