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Ally McBeal's Vonda Shepard cranks up the volume at the Wilson Center

Brookfield, WI (April 14, 2010) For five years Vonda Shepard was the featured performer on the FOX series *Ally McBeal*. Even though the series was cancelled in 2002, she continues to do what she does best—write and perform original songs. Vonda showcases her bluesy singer-songwriter voice and solid piano playing at 8:00 pm on Saturday, May 8 at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$48 and \$25; groups of 10 or more \$35 and \$25. For more information or tickets call (262) 781-9520 or visit wilson-center.com.

Vonda Shepard's career has ranged in scope from early hits in the late '80s with *Don't Cry Ilene* (Reprise Records) and *Can't We Try* (with Dan Hill) to her work as an independent artist, and then as the voice of *Ally McBeal*, selling more than 12 million records worldwide throughout the span of the hit TV show.

Her new CD *From the Sun* finds her indie roots firmly planted. Infusing her deep and melodic songwriting style with splashes of powerful vocals, *From the Sun* is also Vonda's first studio release since 2003 and her fourth collaboration with legendary producer Mitchell Froom (Crowded House, Elvis Costello, Randy Newman). Froom describes the album as "modern-day soul" with Vonda's solid piano playing and soulful, blues-inspired voice driving the tracks.

On touring, Vonda says, "I love performing live so much—I wanted to write songs that I could really wail on. I love the idea of making and releasing my own records exactly the way I envision them, then going on the road, getting the music out there and having a blast doing it all. I have tons of energy for music and life."

From the Sun highlights the work of an artist who began performing original material at small L.A. clubs at age 14. Having released five studio albums of original material, a live retrospective and DVD,

and four soundtracks for the series *Ally McBeal*, Vonda is a remarkable talent with boundless energy and inspiration.

Vonda Shepard's performance takes place in the 619-seat Kuttemperoor Auditorium; part of the Wilson Center Performing Arts Series presented by Haack Ventures and Investors Bank. The Vonda Shepard performance is sponsored by The Melting Pot.

Attention Calendar Editors

Vonda Shepard

Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield

Saturday, May 8 at 8:00 pm

Audiences will remember Vonda as the resident performer in the FOX TV series *Ally McBeal*. Vonda showcases her talent with a variety of introspective originals and covers, ending with a big *Ally* dance party. Tickets \$48/\$25. Call (262) 781-9520 or visit wilson-center.com

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