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GRABIN PERFORMANCE PUTS THE “MEMORIAL” IN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

KENNEBUNK, MAINE – Accomplished singer and instrumentalist Monica Grabin is joining forces with the Brick Store Museum to present a public concert in honor of Memorial Day weekend. “Over Here and ‘Over There!’: Songs and Images from the Great War” will take place in the Museum’s Program Center (4 Dane Street, Kennebunk) on Saturday, May 23 at 7PM. The concert is free, with donations welcomed. This program is made possible by a grant from the Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation.

Grabin’s stirring performance will offer an innovative look at America during World War I. She will combine her musical talents on guitar, autoharp, banjo and an array of percussion instruments with imagery from the Brick Store Museum’s fascinating collection of World War I recruitment and morale posters—among the most extensive in Maine—to evoke the spirit and issues of the era. Musical highlights of the concert include gems from American musical theater and British music halls, Grange movement folk songs which inspired the farmers whose wheat fed the troops, songs illustrating American isolationism in 1914, and others tunes reflecting concerns on the home front, as well as the realities that soldiers faced on the battlefield.

“Over Here and ‘Over There!’” is among Grabin’s many “Singing History” programs that draw audiences of all ages and are respected resources for educators. They use music to recreate the facts and emotions of a period and cover the entire sweep of American history, from pre-colonial times to the present. Grabin has performed such programs in schools, libraries, and community venues across New England since 1986. As a Kennebunk resident for more than twenty years, Grabin also hosts the Kennebunk Folk Club monthly song swap and is a member of the local folk duo, Mom’s Home Cookin’.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk’s historic district and for more than seventy years has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region’s rich cultural heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1. Admission to the Museum is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207-985-4802 for further information.

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