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Cabaret Artist/Playwright Bronwyn Rucker Appears At 53 Above

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Cabaret artist and playwright, Bronwyn Rucker, will appear at 53 Above with *My Anita Riff*—a poignant memoir of time spent with legendary jazz singer Anita O'Day during her last years—on Friday, July 12 at 6 pm.

My Anita Riff, also written by Rucker, features bassist **Ritt Henn**, providing the foundation for exploration of Bronwyn's riff on her intersection with O'Day. The show is directed by Aaron Morishita and **Jay Rogers**.

Rucker has been on the New York cabaret scene since 1980, at the original Duplex on Grove Street, with her one-woman show, *Subway Named Desire*, directed by **Bruce Hopkins**. She is known for *The Frolics*, an open-mic event at various venues and the Backyard Fair at Julius'. Recent performances include her collaborative play *Julius' The Philosophers* at St. John's; *Storage*, co-written with Matt Rydell, at Dixon Place; Midtown Arts Festival with *The Radon Daughters*, directed by **Jason Ellis**; and at 53 Above with *The Frolics*, co-produced with **John Philip**. Bronwyn's CDs include *BrightBlue*, *The Radon Daughters* (with **Woody Regan**), and *Speakeasy* (featuring **Joe Franklin** with Jerry Scott and **Saadi Zain**) on Original Cast Records and available on Amazon.