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Ed Sullivan won't be there, but his spirit will



Liv Cummins

"Saturday Night LIV," hosted by Liv Cummins, will make its debut at the Pleshakov Music Center, 544 Warren St., Hudson, on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

This new monthly show will feature the kind of acts Ed Sullivan would have booked for his "really big show." A juggler, a comic impressionist, a belly dancer, and several singers from all ends of the musical spectrum will perform.

"We see it as a cross between the great variety shows of the '60s and '70s, and the edginess and adventurousness of the original 'Saturday Night Live,'" says Cummins, who also co-produces the show.

Cummins, a pop singer/songwriter and local resident, promises "more than a few surprises," including the occasional special guest star. "But the main idea is to create a series the audience will want to come to month after month. We want to combine familiar elements and reoccurring characters with ambitious theatrical moments and creative sketch comedy."

The cast includes Christine Abitabile, Anthony Bolton, Dianne Hobden, Peggy Kalamaras, Frank Lauria, Sal Maneri, Dan Region, and Prudence Theriault; with variety acts Dave the Juggler, singer/songwriter Vinny Velez, comic/impressionist Wally Hughes, comic monologist Pat Naggjar, Turkish dancer Zahara, and singer/songwriter Sandy McKnight.

In celebration of the debut, a "schmoose" hour will be held an hour before each performance.

Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Group rates are available.

Tickets for shows should be reserved in advance by calling the Pleshakov Box Office at (518) 671-7171.