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Opera sensation lends voice to help Franciscan Center

Voices from the Heart: An Evening with Emily Righter is a celebration of the people who built and supported the Franciscan Center over the past 44 years as well as those whom the Center has helped. Hosted by the Franciscan Center and the Order of Malta, the inaugural event will be held on Saturday, September 15 at the Legg Mason Tower, 100 International Drive in Baltimore. A VIP reception will start at 6 p.m., and the event will be from 7-10 p.m. WBAL's Clarence "C4" Mitchel, IV will be the emcee for the evening.

Guests will enjoy an evening of cabaret-style music by renowned opera sensation **Emily Righter**, along with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a light supper. Ms. Righter is a principal performer at Salzburg Landestheater in Austria. Prior to her work in Europe, Ms. Righter made solo debuts at Carnegie Hall and Vero Beach Opera. She performed with Chicago Opera Theater, Opera Circle Cleveland and with Santa Fe Opera. She received her Masters Degree at Yale University and earned a B.F.A. from Carnegie Mellon University. Ms. Righter is eager to share her exceptional talents to benefit the Franciscan Center. To see a preview of Ms. Righter's talents, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cT4uX8eA0k>.

The Franciscan Center, founded by the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore in 1968, is an outreach agency with a mission to provide emergency assistance and supportive outreach to persons who are economically disenfranchised in an effort to assist them in realizing their self-worth and dignity as people of God. The Center provides support to Baltimore City residents including dining services, a clothing and toiletry program, utility assistance, eviction prevention, counseling and case management, access to medical care, and more.

All funds raised at this event will go toward the programs of the Franciscan Center. For more information or to purchase tickets or sponsorships, please visit www.franciscancenterbaltimore.org/voices or contact Jennifer Lehman at (410) 457-5340, Ext. 114 or JLehman@fcbmore.org.

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