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Hardcore fans of the Beatles like to pore over every detail of the band and endlessly dissect their songs. Then there's Giles Martin, who manages to time travel to meet the Fab Four. Martin is the son of legendary Beatles producer George Martin, and he's lately been returning to the treasure trove of original recording sessions to remix key albums by John, Paul, George and Ringo.

- The Associated Press

BACKSTAGE PASS

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A New Cabaret Series Is Born at The Sharon

Artistic director Whitney Morse is the highlight of "My Knocked Up Life."

By KRISTEN FIORE

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Laughter flowed and tears fell during "My Knocked Up Life," the first show in a new cabaret series held in the lobby of The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center on Thursday night.

The Sharon's artistic director, Whitney Morse, was the singer of the night, and at "37 weeks and two days" pregnant, it seemed only appropriate for her to base her show on songs about parenting and

"If you haven't noticed, I'm pretty darn pregnant," Morse joked, after opening the show with Sara Bareilles' "Everything Changes."

But being eight months pregnant didn't stop Morse from singing — and singing really beautifully, at that.

Morse cracked jokes about being pregnant and told stories about her 5-year-old son, Clifford.

"We have some really fun guests tonight," Morse said. "My mother is here. My acid reflux is here as well."

The sold-out audience of

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Whitney
Morse, The
Sharon's
artistic
director,
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#### **CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT**



#### **MONI** MITCHELL

Joni Mitchell celebrated her 75th birthday by ending an absence from public life, thrilling the crowd by appearing at an all-star concert in her honor featuring James Taylor, Chaka Khan and Emmylou Harris.



GABRIELLE UNION-WADE

Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade and his actress wife Gabrielle Union-Wade have a baby. The couple on Thursday announced they've welcomed a baby girl into the world. The baby was born via a surrogate Wednesday.



### PRINCE CHARLES

Britain's Prince Charles has pledged not to interfere in the affairs of state when he becomes king, seeking to dispel concerns about his past activism on issues ranging from global warming to architectural preservation.

WALLKILL, N.Y.

#### **Rockefeller Christmas** Tree Cut Down at **Upstate N.Y. Home**

The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree has been cut down in upstate New York and is being readied for transport to Manhattan, where it will be erected this weekend. Rockefeller Center's publicist says the 72-foot-tall Norway spruce was cut down Thursday morning at the home of Shirley Figueroa and Lissette Gutierrez in Wallkill. That's about 65 miles north of New York City.

— The Associated Press



Whitney Morse, left, and her mother Rebecca Morse, talk about raising children during the show "My Knocked Up Life" during The Sharon's new cabaret series on Thursday,

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around 150 guests chuckled as Morse spoke about the struggles of breastfeeding, putting kids to bed and getting them to school.

She performed duets with her mother, Rebecca Morse, and her husband. Jason Goedken.

"My mom taught me a lot,' Morse said. "She taught me about performing, but she also taught me how to go through tough times."

Rebecca sang several songs with Whitney and by herself throughout the night, and it was evident who Whitney inherited her vocal talents from.

The show included songs such as "Children Will Listen" and "My New Philosophy."

Whitney told the audience that during her first trimester, she performed in the onewoman musical, "Tell Me on a

Sunday" at The Studio Theatre Tierra Del Sol and had to have an escape plan in case she had

to throw up during the show, which she said never happened

but came close.

"But the worst part about being pregnant isn't the sickness or childbirth," Whitney said. "It's the things people think are OK to say to you."

Whitney then gave the audience a list of things that they should not say to a pregnant woman. They were all things that had been said to her.

The list included statements like "So there's definitely only one in there, right?" and "You look like you're about to pop."

It was a heartfelt, intimate and relatable night, backed by a strong band.

"It was very humorous and very sincere," said Lisa Carannante, of the Village of Bonita. "I loved when she was talking

about putting kids to sleep. That's exactly what's going on in your head, 'Just go to sleep!' Her family was lovely, and her son was beautiful."

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