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HEATHER MALONEY BAND OPENS HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEW INDIE POP SERIES

Hartford, Connecticut (November 20, 2012) — Hartford Public Library announced today the lineup for its new *Indie Pop Series* this winter at the Downtown Library. The term "indie pop" describes artists on independent labels who are doing genre-defying music that can be loosely inspired or classified as "pop".

The Heather Maloney Band will open the series on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at its downtown location. As a new songwriter, Heather Maloney already has an abundance of press response. *The Huffington Post* called her lyrics "Terrific... Maloney's lyrics cut to the chase ". As a classically trained vocalist who once aimed for the opera, there is an apparent strength and certainty in her voice that provides a solid foundation for the "unfettered" vocal playfulness throughout her work. Maloney is a rising star of New England's independent music scene, with a dazzling voice she's not afraid

to flaunt on her latest album *Time & Pocket Change*. *DigBoston* considers Heather Maloney deserving of the same type of cult following that has allowed the likes Aimee Mann and Ani DiFranco to have such long standing success and influence.

The Heather Maloney Band will perform from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. followed by jazz drummer Jimmy Macbride at 3:00 p.m. Macbride is a student in the jazz program at the Julliard School and has twice been selected to be a member of the Next Generation Jazz Orchestra at the Monterey Jazz Festival, which performed with Wynton Marsalis, Christian McBride and Maceo Parker.

The *Indie Pop Series* performances will be held every second Sunday of the month from January through April at 1:30 p.m.: Henning Ohlenbusch, January 13; The Sawtelles, February 10; Lys Guillorn, March 10; and Lesa Bezo, April 14.

"We are excited about exploring the world of indie pop this winter along with the return of Baby Grand Jazz," said Matt Poland, the Library's chief executive officer. "When it's cold outside, the beat will keep you warm at the Library, whether toe-tapping to jazz or head-bopping to indie pop – or both."

The Indie Pop Series and Baby Grand Jazz are free and open to the public.

About Hartford Public Library

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