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## Blossom Dearie tribute

Portland jazz singer Mitzi Zilka honors the iconic New York musician and composer who's sometimes called the "Bebop Betty Boop."

"I just fell in love with her choices," Zilka says. "Everything has to be really sensible and human and have a poetic, kind of funny side to it. She never chooses anything that's wrong for her."

Dearie has worked with everyone from Johnny Mercer to John Lennon, but her childlike voice may be best known from Schoolhouse Rock ditties like "Figure Eight" and "Unpack Your Adjectives." At 81, she continues to perform.

"She's got a fiercely independent streak about her that Oregonians will love," says Zilka, who will do three sets accompanied by Mark Simon on piano and Andre St. James on bass.

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7 p.m. Saturday, June 2, LV's Uptown,  
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