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TWO-TIME GRAMMY WINNER MELISSA ETHERIDGE PERFORMS ON EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

OAKLAND, CA - Olivia, the lifestyle company that connects, transforms and celebrates the lives of lesbians and their families and friends, announces two-time Grammy winner Melissa Etheridge's Olivia debut on Olivia's Eastern Caribbean Cruise. Melissa Etheridge's one-night intimate, acoustic performance on board in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on April 3 kicks off the April 3-10, 2005, cruise.

"We are so excited to have Melissa perform on board in Ft. Lauderdale," Amy Errett, Olivia CEO, said. "An Olivia cruise is a perfect venue for Melissa's acoustic show."

The entertainment doesn't stop there. Comedians Suzanne Westenhoefer, Vickie Shaw, Jennie McNulty and Amy Boyd provide the laugh track for the week. Olivia also showcases the lesbian community's emerging talents with entertainers Mary Dolan, Mica Lee Williams, Edie Carey, Anne E. Dechant, Ellis, Rachel Sage, Kristie Stremel and Jen Foster. As always, Olivia's signature entertainment makes each evening extra special.

Travelers explore the diverse terrain of the Bahamas and Virgin Islands. Turks & Caicos promises travelers divine snorkeling, lazy beaches and amazing eco-tours. St. Thomas beckons with a cornucopia of tropical delights, like gorgeous beaches, crystal-clear water for snorkeling and diving, fine dining and plentiful duty-free shopping. Virgin Gorda's uncommon topography takes on an otherworldly aspect at the volcanically molded Spring Bay and The Baths. Travelers relax to the rhythm of the Bahamas with a day at Olivia's private island at Half Moon Cay.

Guests travel in style aboard Holland America's five-star, vista-class ms Westerdam, where they can indulge in a massage or spa treatment, stroll the teak deck, savor sumptuous cuisine or bask in the sunshine at the Lido pool.

Melissa Etheridge is the most recent in a series of exciting announcements from Olivia, like Showtime filming part of an episode for their hit drama "The L Word" on board Olivia's Mayan Caribbean Cruise, a performance by country music superstar Wynonna on their 4-night Caribbean Cruise, a performance by Grammy winner Shawn Colvin on their Mayan Caribbean Cruise and performances by the Indigo Girls on their Mayan Caribbean and Mexican Riviera Cruises. These announcements are fresh on the heels of successful on-board performances by Indigo Girls and k.d. lang as well as the on-board premiere of Showtime's "The L Word," featuring cast members from the show. Additionally, Olivia is hosting its first lesbian film festival, a sports-focused women's resort with all-star athletes and an author's expo on upcoming vacations.

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ABOUT OLIVIA

Founded in San Francisco in 1973, Olivia, the premier travel company serving the lesbian and gay community, reaches more than 50 million people internationally. Over 75,000 people have traveled with Olivia in the last 10 years. Olivia charts entire ships or resorts to create one-of-a-kind vacations for lesbians, gay men and their family and friends, delivering world-class entertainment like Melissa Etheridge, Indigo Girls, k.d. lang, Shawn Colvin, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Kathleen Madigan and the cast of Showtime's "The L Word" along the way.

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