

## Grain Belt Premium Beer Stage ▼ Friday 1:45



### **Gina Sicilia**

Do you ever wish you could go back and see Aretha Franklin, Billy Holiday, or Bessie Smith before the world knew their talent? Well now you have a chance to see and hear that level of ability before the Gina Sicilia name is household words. After just one album release and a year on the music scene

she signed with Piedmont Talent - the renowned agency that handles bookings for such talents as Johnny Winter and James Cotton. Her family has known of her natural talent since she began singing at the age of three and writing original tunes at the age of twelve. But now, after her sophomore CD release, *Hey Sugar*, the world is beginning to take notice. Nine of the thirteen tracks are her own original songs. The album was produced by 2007 Blues Music Awards Nominee, Dave Gross, who also lends his own innovative guitar playing to the mix. Backed by a cast of some of the finest players in the business, including young harmonica master, Dennis Gruenling, and acclaimed pianist, David Maxwell, Sicilia's powerful vocal delivery, range, and conviction command the attention of listeners throughout the entire album. Sicilia is already in high demand on the east coast music scene, but she's touring internationally now and has nominations under her belt to add credential to her reputation. Born in 1986, she has the advantage of youth and decades of promising success ahead of her to set the wind in her sails and propel her to enormous success. After falling in love with her performance in the afternoon you can catch her again at Bev's Jook Joint on Friday night.