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The Month in Cabaret

Judy Collins, the enduring wild angel of pop, has visited more musical planets than any other singer of her generation. A short list would include Stephen Sondheim, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen. And there is also her own considerable body of sturdy original songs. Her return to Café Carlyle for an engagement that runs through May 16 is this month's cabaret high point. Also at the Carlyle, the Southern California singer-songwriter J.D. Souther performs on Saturday, and that brash blond bombshell Megan Hilty returns from May 19 through 30. The pop-jazz belter Diane Schuur makes her debut at Birdland, from May 19 through 23, to celebrate her 60th birthday and a new album. At 54 Below, the many events include a memorial tribute to Julie Wilson. Leading the list of several rising talents at the Metropolitan Room this month is the young baritone Arlo Hill, who just began a four-performance engagement, singing the work of Frank Loesser. (Stephen Holden)