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Alice Murphy (Kimberly Doreen Burns) rehearses for the TheatreZone’s production of “Bright Star” on Monday, Feb. 7 at the G&L Theatre in Naples, Fla.  
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TheatreZone’s ‘Bright Star’ a hummable musical

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When you start looking up the lyrics to a song so you can replace the la-la-la-LA-la in your head with words, you suspect this musical is going to be staying around. Then you notice: Despite the short marquee moment on Broadway, there are already karaoke versions.

Despite the fact it only got a short marquee moment on Broadway, “Bright Star” has addictive melodies and the authenticity of a true story behind it.

So infectious is the title song that the cast reprised it for the curtain call at TheatreZone and the audience gladly kept time. They also would have gladly sung along. Hence, the burrowing into themusiclyrics.com to cement them. (The musical continues this week; see the information box.)

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## A Path for Hope: Sunday’s concert promotes suicide-prevention with 15 bands

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Fritz Caraher didn’t know what to say when his friend’s son died of suicide last May. Words failed him. So instead of words, Caraher and other friends decided to take action. The result: A suicide-awareness concert Sunday featuring both national and local musical acts. “It really started with I didn’t have any words,” says Caraher, a Fort Myers chef, musician and occasional concert promoter. “What do you say to a good friend who just lost their child?” “And having done fundraisers in the past, I didn’t know what to say but I did know what I could do. And that’s to try to help other families and people.” Fifteen bands will perform at the Path For Hope concert at Fort Myers’ Pickle-N-Pub, including headliners Rob Snyder (a Nashville songwriter and a long-time friend of Caraher’s) and Dave Hause (a Philadelphia singer-songwriter who Caraher calls “a punk rock legend”). A portion of the concert’s proceeds will go to Valer-



Singer-songwriter Dave Hause is performing in Sunday’s Path for Hope concert. PETER ACKERMAN

ie’s House, a Fort Myers nonprofit that provides free counseling and other services for children grieving the death of a loved one. The childrens bereavement center started a separate group last year to help families left behind after suicide. Suicide rates have increased by 35 percent since

1999, according to the CDC and the National Institute on Mental Health. So it’s important to talk about it, says Angela Melvin, CEO and founder of Valerie’s House. “Suicide is all around us,” Melvin says. “It happens much more often than people realize. “I think that anytime you can say the word ‘suicide,’ it’s important. It’s the truth. It’s what happens. We need to talk about it, and it needs to be brought up.” That’s exactly what will happen during the Path for Hope concert. People will talk about suicide prevention onstage, including Melvin and emcee Caraher. Plus there will be tents where people can find information on warning signs, where to get help and more. Then, of course, there’s the music. The lineup includes: ● Rob Snyder, a Nashville songwriter whose country songs include Luke Combs’ “She Got The Best Of Me” and “Six Feet Apart.” ● Dave Hause, a Philadelphia-based folk/rock singer-songwriter who performs both solo and with his band The Mermaid. He’s played in many

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