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# For Our Daug

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**C**hi T. Mathias — singer, music teacher and founder of production company Inspired Soul Music — is producing *For Our Daughters*, an evening of music and art to raise money for Safe Connections. The St. Louis organization has assisted survivors of domestic violence since 1976. Mathias opens up about what draws her to the cause.

• **How did you get involved with Safe Connections?** I'm a member of their Young Professionals Board, and I'm a survivor.

• **So your dedication came from your own experience?** When I was a freshman in high school, my stepfather murdered my mother. He stabbed her 32 times. He stabbed me 13 times and left me for dead. Music helped bring me through the most difficult times of my life. I'm performing as an artist in honor of my late mother, Annette Moll.

• **How did you come up with the name *For Our Daughters*?** When you think about domestic violence, there's usually a generational cycle. I had children, and I didn't want them to make the same choices. It's taking back your life and taking ownership of who you are. It's about not living in silence.