

Songwriters have their night

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Songs fresh from the soul are being featured once a month at a club in downtown Stouffville.

The artists who attend Songwriters' Night at Fullerton's Place on Main Street are as diversified as their material. A student, an engineer, a construction worker and a teacher of autistic children take turns performing at an event designated especially for songwriters.

Professional entertainer Jayne Harvey has two distinct lives. Every morning, she leaves her Thornhill home with a truck load of puppets, rattles, shakers and her old faithful, her guitar. Ms Harvey does private music circles for children, ranging in age from six weeks to six years. At night, Ms Harvey pub crawls, delivering music to a more mature audience.

With two separate venues, the veteran entertainer's material ranges from love gone wrong to wet the bed again. Unlike many people, Ms Harvey loves her work. Enough so that she sings on her night off. On the first Monday of every month, Ms Harvey joins musicians from across York Region at Fullerton's. "It's a lot of fun. It's inspiring," Ms Harvey said. "I've written more than 300 songs. When I try them out here, nobody rips you apart. Nobody rocks your confidence."

Ms Harvey's biggest fan is her friend Ed Rossini. Everyone agrees, the 42-year old Rossini

plays a mean harmonica. Judging from the sound, it's obvious. The construction worker by day has music in his soul all of the time. "I started to write songs three years ago. This gives me an opportunity to try out my new material," said Mr. Rossini.

Songwriter night coordinator and entertainer Deborah Lee's music is a country blues mixture. Influenced by entertainers Bonnie Raitt, Billie Holiday and Bette Midler, the Musselman's Lake resident has her sights set on Tennessee. Her partner, Robin Edgar Kemsley, a regular at the local songwriters' night, was in Nashville last month attending Tin Pan South, a songwriters' conference.

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Ms Lee's day job involves working with autistic children. "It, too, is rewarding," she said. With the support of fellow musicians, Ms Lee puts the polish on a new song, written especially for her two sons.

About 12 musicians attend a regular songwriters' night. "Each sings two songs for a total of 24," said Ms Lee. "It makes for a good evening. The audience enjoys it and it gives the musicians a chance to try out new stuff without fear of harsh criticism."

Accompanied by her father, Rachael Bradley joins the group.

Although still a teenager, Miss Bradley is very much at home on stage. At the Bradley household in Vandorf, music is a family affair, involving both parents and two siblings. Miss Bradley has defined her musical style. Influenced by singer Tori Amos, Miss Bradley is now leaning more towards jazz and the blues.

"There's a great deal of positive energy at the songwriters' night," Miss Bradley said. "Everyone's supportive. Nobody's going to tell me I suck." A realist, Ms Bradley knows establishing a music career is a long shot. Because of this, she has a backup plan. "If I don't become a full-time entertainer, I'll likely become a journalist," she said.

Miss Bradley's father is a professional engineer. David Bradley, 53, has been singing and playing the guitar since the 1960s. "It's been a life-long hobby," he said. "If I wasn't here with the songwriters, I'd be jamming at home. I come here to enjoy, to learn and, of course, to look out for my daughter."

"Hurricane" Mike Thompson, a Newmarket truck driver by day and an entertainer by night, receives a spirited welcome.

"I'm sort of a rosy blues, folksy-country entertainer. I play acoustic. It's my favourite. The songwriters' night gives me inspiration. I've written at least 250 songs. Here, everyone's a teacher. It's good," Mr. Thompson said.

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Time: 9:00 am - 12 noon
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Sunday May 19th, 2002
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:50 am Worship Service
Pastor Ken Wellington

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905-642-4414

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9:45 a.m. Message Series
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6:00 p.m. No service this evening

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