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All that jazz

Christine Rosholt to play Friday at Sugar Room

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MANKATO — Sometimes it's just fun to get out of town, show off your pipes to a whole new crowd.

That's what brings jazz singer Christine Rosholt to Mankato from St. Paul every so often, where she sings her favorite jazz standards in the Sugar Room's cozy, smoky atmosphere. During her next visit, however, she'll have something to celebrate. Rosholt recently completed her debut full-length CD, "Detour Ahead," songs from which she'll sing during the show Friday night.

"People who come to hear you perform, they're like, 'Do you have a CD? Do you have a CD?'" she said. "I thought now it was time to do one, when I've come a little ways (in my career)."

Songs such as "Honeysuckle Rose" and "Bye Bye Blackbird" are featured on the CD, which will be available Feb. 3 at www.christinerosholt.com. Since she started singing jazz three years ago, she's been performing jazz standards from mostly the 1930s and 1940s by such composers as Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern.

Rosholt heard a lot of jazz while

growing up. Her mom enjoyed the music.

But she didn't start singing it until October 2002, with Anita O'Day, Annie Ross, Blossom Dearie and Chris Connor as her major inspirations.

Rosholt said she likes taking her show on the road to Mankato, where she's developed a following.

"It's good to go out and reach other people," she said. "I've met people down there who actually come up and see me (in the Twin Cities)."

Rosholt will bring along pianist Rick Carlson of The Wolverines Jazz Trio to the Friday show.

She performs about four or five times per week and has a pool of musicians she works with. Depending upon the gig, she usually performs as a duo or a trio with bass and drums.

Her love of singing began when she was a child and sang in choir at church and school. She attended the Children's Theater Company in Minneapolis. She studied photography and performance art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she earned a BFA.



Submitted photo

Jazz singer Christine Rosholt of St. Paul now has her own CD.