

Pianist/Vocalist Rosalie Morgan Home For The Holidays



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by Jeff Stiles



Rosalie Morgan

While many entertainers fantasize about eventual stardom, Platteville musician Rosalie Morgan says her big dream is simply to have a major recording artist sing her songs and make them into national hits.

"I would love to be like a writer, behind the scenes, selling songs to Olivia Newton-John or Faith Hill or someone like that," says Rosalie, who plays the piano and sings at various venues throughout the tri-states. "To become like Diane Warren, a popular songwriter who writes a lot for artists such as Celine Dion, Aretha Franklin and Elton John."

For Rosalie, the adventure of performing live music is having the potential to impact lives on a personal level.

"It's exciting because there's this level of acceptance that happens when you

play something that touches someone on a deep level, and something that speaks to them," she explains. "Especially if it's something I've written. That, to me, is the kind of acceptance I can't describe with words."

Would this artist describe her vocation as a ministry of sorts?

"Yes, definitely," Rosalie says. "It's to let people know that, 'Hey, you're not by yourself.' We all need to know that somebody out there understands what we're feeling, and I think music is a great way to do that."

"I mean, how many times do you listen to a song on the radio and think, 'That's my song!'"

Nearly every weekend throughout the year Rosalie can be found playing the piano and singing songs at various spots around the tri-states— from the Grape Harbor in Dubuque to the Grape Escape in Galena to open houses and private parties.

Through her music business, REM Productions, Rosalie also records voice-on-hold phone messages and has performed radio jingles for businesses such as Benton State Bank, Mound View Motors, Cindys Lingerie, Grant Regional Health Center, Schuman's Wisconsin Cheese Company and Swiss Valley Farms.

Currently Rosalie has been working on her fifth album, *Home To You*, which will

be released on Valentine's Day 2006.

"For the holidays I'm playing out, doing lots of gigs and promoting both my Christmas albums," says Rosalie. "I'm also promoting the CD I released last year, *Songs of Comfort and Inspiration*, because the holidays are hard for some people."

"You'd think everyone's supposed to be happy, but if you lost somebody around the holidays it makes it harder. It's nice to at least have comforting music."

Saturday night, Rosalie will be performing songs by Elton John, Billy Joel, Sheryl Crow, Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Juice Newton and Karen Carpenter—along with some originals and Christmas favorites, of course—for the crowd at the Grape Escape in downtown Galena.

"The Grape Escape is a fun and classy atmosphere," she says. "They cater to tourists plus the locals, and you can go there either dressed up or fresh from work. It's just a fun place to gather with friends and meet new people and make new friends."

"Tiesha Taylor is a new business owner, and it's quite an opportunity for a young woman to be the owner of an establishment such as this. She does a wonderful job catering to the public and making it fun for them when they walk in the door."

So for those who will be alone this Saturday night or gathering with a group



of friends, Rosalie makes an invitation to visit the Grape Escape in Galena.

"Mingle with your friends, make new friends and have a good time," she says. "It's a very classy and fun place!"

If you know of a southwest Wisconsin individual who is involved in an upcoming weekend activity—whether outdoors or in—please let us know so we can consider featuring them in a future *Adventurer's Trail* column. Email Jeff at jeffstiles@wcinet.com or drop him a postcard.

THIS WEEKEND...

Who: Pianist/vocalist

Rosalie Morgan

When: Saturday, December 3, 7 p.m.

Where: The Grape Escape, Galena, IL

Cost: Free admission

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