

# **CHRISTINE LAVIN**

Christine Lavin is a singer/songwriter/guitarist/recording artist/author/videographer who has been working as a musician based in New York City since 1984. She just released her 23rd solo album, **SPAGHETTIFICATION**, which charted at #5 for the month of September 2017 on the International FolkDJ charts.

Her 22nd album, **CHRISTINE LAVIN & FRIENDS LIVE AT McCABE'S GUITAR SHOP** was produced by **Hillary Rollins**, and includes five stellar LA performers (Gary Stockdale, Pat Whiteman, Cynthia Carle, David Lucky, and MaryJo Mundy), and the revered British singer/songwriter, Daniel Cainer. Christine sings seven songs on this album; it is now into its second pressing.

Christine has now added singing live to videos to her concert, making it a truly multi-media experience.

She has produced ten compilation CDs, **JUST ONE ANGEL 2.0** being the latest, which have showcased the songs of dozens of singer/songwriters whose work she admires. The food-themed compilation **ONE MEAT BALL**, includes a 96-page cookbook that Christine edited.

For four years she hosted "**Slipped Disks**" on XM Satellite Radio, playing CDs slipped to her backstage by compatriots, and she is now the occasional guest host for the **City Folk Sunday Supper** on WFUV-FM at Fordham University. She also writes freelance for various publications, including **The Washington Post, Huffington Post, The St. Petersburg Times, The Performing Songwriter, The Finger Lakes Times, and Delta "Sky" Magazine.**

The book **THE PLUTO FILES: THE RISE AND FALL OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE PLANET**, written by **Neil deGrasse Tyson**, director of the Hayden Planetarium in NYC, includes the complete lyrics to Christine's song "Planet X," which details Pluto's history and planetary status debate. The book is published by W.W. Norton -- and Christine got a "D" in Astronomy in college (See kids? You **CAN** make up for the mistakes of your youth).

She has appeared in concert with Neil deGrasse Tyson as part of his "**Astronomers & Comedians**" tour, and is fairly certain she is the first Astronomy D student to ever do so.

Christine founded the group, "**Four Bitchin' Babes**" in 1990, toured with them for eight years, and the group has continued successfully to this day, performing concerts all over the US and Canada. In March 2018 she will be part of four concerts with the Babes.

Ms. Lavin's song "Amoeba Hop" was turned into a science/music book by illustrator Betsy Franco Feeny (Puddle Jump Press), received the stamp of approval from **The International Society of Protistologists**, and a "**Best Book Award**" from **The American Association for The Advancement of Science.**

Betsy and Christine have collaborated again on **HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA**, a children's book with CD that tells the story of an oil spill with an emphasis on clean, alternative energy. More than 50 singers from around the world are included on the CD. That book was crowd-funded by Kickstarter and is currently looking for a publisher.

Christine performs concerts all over the US, Canada, and points beyond (Australia, Germany, Israel), and hosts knitting circles backstage prior to each show. Songs of hers have been performed by artists as diverse as Broadway stars **Betty Buckley, Sutton Foster**, and David Burnham, cabaret divas **Andrea Marcovici**, Barbara Brussell, and Colleen McHugh, the college *a cappella* Dartmouth Decibelles, and **The Accidentals**, winners of the National Harmony Sweepstakes championship.

Christine has recently added intermission tutorial activities to her concert -- teaching audience members how to fold cloth napkins in the fancy "*Downton Abbey*" style. Even she can't believe how popular this halftime activity has become.

Her award-winning book, **COLD PIZZA FOR BREAKFAST: A MEM-WHA??** is available in paperback, Kindle, iPad, and audio book formats. In 2011 it won the **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual ASCAP Deems Taylor Award for Excellence in Non-Fiction Writing about Pop Music. *Just One Angel***, her first holiday compilation project, (22 artists, 22 Christmas/Hanukah/Solstice/New Year's songs) became a four-artist West Coast tour that hit the road in December of 2011, 2012, and 2013.

For eight years (2012-2016) Christine performed co-bill concerts with Boston comedian **Don White** all over the US and Canada.

**OTHER AWARDS:** In **2012** she won a **NYC Nightlife Award** given annually to the best concert and cabaret performers in New York City. Christine has also won **five ASCAP composer awards**, the Backstage Bistro Award for **Best NYC Singer/Songwriter of the Year, The Kate Wolf Memorial Award**, and her album ***Good Thing He Can't Read My Mind*** won **Album of the Year** from the National Association of Independent Record Distributors.

**LATEST PROJECTS:** Christine started creating videos for her songs in 2011, and now creates them for other artists (Janis Ian, Noel "Paul" Stookey of PP&M, Robyn Landis, John Margolis, Don White, Ray Jessel, Honor Finnegan, Craig Werth, Grammy-winner Julie Gold, David Ippolito). She has many posted at YouTube, Vimeo, and Facebook. This one, <http://www.vimeo.com/28256675>, won the weekly indie short film contest on WNET in NYC and was broadcast on Channel 13 in NYC.

Christine Lavin was the **keynote speaker** in November 2016 at the annual North East Regional Folk Alliance Conference (NERFA) held in Stamford, CT. She is expanding it into a book whose working title is, "A Folksinger's Handybook," coming in 2018. In October 2017 she was **keynote speaker** at the National Lifespan Caregiver Conference in Huntsville, AL.



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