

CHRISTINE LAVIN

Christine Lavin is a singer/songwriter/guitarist/recording artist/author/videographer who has been based in New York City since 1976. Her latest album, her 25th, **ON MY WAY TO HOOTERVILLE**, includes 10 new songs and one re-worked song, "Ramblin' Waltz," a re-telling of her time in 1975 when she was one of the entourage drivers for the first week of the tour of the The Rolling Thunder Revue.

She has produced ten compilations, **JUST ONE ANGEL v2**, being the latest, showcasing holiday songs of 19 songwriters whose work she loves. The food-themed compilation, **ONE MEAT BALL**, includes a 96-page cookbooklet that Christine edited — songs and recipes by **Pete Seeger, Tom Paxton, Dave Van Ronk**, and many more, including a surprise appearance by **Dame Edna**. For four years she hosted "**Slipped Disks**" on XM Satellite Radio, playing CDs slipped to her backstage by compatriots, and was occasion guest host for **City Folk Sunday Supper** on WFUV-FM at Fordham University. She also writes freelance for various publications (**The Washington Post, Huffington Post, St. Petersburg Times, Performing Songwriter**, and **Delta "Sky" Magazine**). Her song **AMOEBIA HOP** is a science/music book by illustrator Betsy Franco Feeney (Puddle Jump Press), receiving the stamp of approval from **The International Society of Protistologists**, and a "**Best Book Award**" from **The American Association for The Advancement of Science**.

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PLANET (W.W. Norton) by Neil deGrasse Tyson, head 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 in rhyme. Neil included Christine at his live concert event at The Beacon Theater in NYC, and that recording is on her 23rd album, **SPAGHETTIFICATION**.

Christine performs concerts all over the US, Canada, and points beyond (Australia, Germany, Israel), often hosting knitting circles and Downton Abbey-style napkin folding backstage at each show. Songs of hers have been performed by artists as diverse as Broadway stars **Betty Buckley, Sutton Foster, Karen Ziemba**, and **Klea Blackhurst**, cabaret divas **Andrea Marcovici, Barbara Brussell**, and **Colleen McHugh**, the *a cappella* **Dartmouth Decibelles**, and **The Accidentals**, winners of the National Harmony Sweepstakes Championship.

Her book, **COLD PIZZA FOR BREAKFAST: A MEM-WHA??** (Tell Me Press, New Haven) is available in paperback, kindle, and audio book formats, with the foreword written by actor/playwright/singer/songwriter Jeff Daniels. **On A Winter's Night**, her first seasonal compilation project, (20 artists) became a four-artist national tour that first hit the road back in January 1991 and will be a five-artist tour hitting the road November 2019, including **Christine, Cliff Eberhardt, Patty Larkin, Cheryl Wheeler**, and **John Gorka** -- only to be abruptly sidelined by the pandemic.

AWARDS: In April 2019 Christine was inducted into the Rochester, NY Music Hall of Fame. In September 2019 Christine spent a month at the artist retreat **Yaddo** in Saratoga Springs, working on songs and a theatrical project. Three of the songs while written there are included on her new album, **ON MY WAY TO HOOTERVILLE**. She received a 2012 Nightlife Award given annually to the best concert and cabaret performers in New York City. In November 2011 her book **COLD PIZZA FOR BREAKFAST: A MEM-WHA??** won the **43rd Annual ASCAP Deems Taylor Award** for excellence in writing about music. 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 (including Michael Feinstein, Suzzy Roche, Noel Paul Stookey, Janis Ian, Judy Collins, Robyn Landis, John Margolis, Don White, Honor Finnegan, Craig Werth, Julie Gold, David Ippolito). This early video: *ROSES FROM THE WRONG MAN* won the weekly contest on WNET in NYC and was broadcast on Channel 13 in NYC. vimeo.com/28256675

Christine was the keynote speaker in November 2016 at the annual North East Regional Folk Alliance Conference (NERFA) in Stamford, CT, and that keynote address has become the basis for her next book, which will take up where *COLD PIZZA* left off. Because she has suffered some hearing loss — nothing debilitating yet — as part of her speech she invited noted New York otolaryngologist Joseph Montano to be part of her presentation. He set up and conducted 60 free hearing tests the next day. She was also keynote speaker at the **Lifespan National Caregivers Conference** in 2017 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Over the past 10 years, Ms. Lavin was very involved with the care of her aging mother in Geneva, NY. She relocated there, while continuing her full time performing in 2010 - 2012, and then again in 2016, to help out with her care. She taught herself to make videos to help her mother remember daily events, having no short-term memory. Soon she started making videos for her own music, and now videos for others. Her mother died in November 2018 at the age of 99, and her family cherishes those videos, which inadvertently spurred Ms. Lavin's career on in an unexpected direction.

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