

# *Todaschuk Sisters*

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## *“The Spirit of Ukrainian Christmas with the Todaschuk Sisters”*

Rosemarie & Charlene, internationally distributed recording artists as listed with SOCAN, are officially releasing their third recording on Saturday, August 3, 2002 during the Folklorama Kick-Off from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre in Assiniboine Park.

The TODASCHUK SISTERS have two recording albums of traditional, contemporary and original Ukrainian songs to their credit which have world-wide distribution. Their third recording is an excellent compilation of 14 beloved Ukrainian Christmas carols. Although these carols were recorded and are being initially released during a summer heat wave in order to accommodate their busy schedules, Rosemarie and Charlene sing these carols with great sincerity and feeling. “I was overcome with emotion by the sounds as we were recording in the studio.” recalls Charlene who is a Special Events Coordinator with the Centaur Theatre in Montreal. While the sisters create their own vocal arrangements, Charlene’s husband, Andrij Czerny, a professional musician who is best known for his instrumental works on the Cirque du Soleil recordings and in collaboration with many popular Quebec artists, arranged, orchestrated and performed the music on 13 of the 14 carols. “He is one talented musician whose creative spirit is extremely beneficial to us! His arrangements are beautiful and impressive!” exclaims Rosemarie, a Music and Theatre Arts Educator in Winnipeg. Other musicians featured on the album include: Liana Stecky, Angela Saranchuk, Ivan Zavada, Domenic Lombardi, and introducing the young talents of Peter and Tatiana Czerny.

The Todaschuk Sisters hope that this recording of 14 beloved Ukrainian Christmas carols featuring the beautiful yet simple harmonies of two sisters accompanied by modern and traditional acoustic instrumentation will invite and encourage the listener to feel their passion to preserve and promote Ukrainian Christmas traditions and will introduce to the non-Ukrainian community the treasures of the Ukrainian musical heritage of our forefathers. This recording will be a valuable contribution to the cultural and educational life of our community and abroad.

Since the release of their first two albums, the Todaschuk Sisters continue to capture audiences throughout North America and in Ukraine performing at festivals, concerts and public celebrations. Some of their performances include: Bicentennial Celebrations in Los Angeles, Canada’s National Ukrainian Festival in Dauphin, Toronto’s Caravan, Winnipeg’s Folklorama, Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, the Pan American Games, festivals in New York and two tours in Ukraine. Rosemarie and Charlene have also been singing the Canadian and American anthems at the Blue Bomber and Goldeyes home games for the past few seasons.

Rosemarie and Charlene have also ventured into the area of jazz. Fronting their own Jazz Trios, they enjoy entertaining audiences with a variety of jazz and classic standards! In addition to many private functions, you can find them performing at the Jazz Festival and Lounges in Club Regent and McPhillips Street Station Casinos. Look out for future recordings in the Jazz genre!

A splendid performing and recording duo with unbelievable talent, the Todaschuk Sisters continue to attract and entertain audiences wherever they go! Their third album is an important contribution to the Ukrainian recording industry and is another welcome addition to any library.

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