

Spotlight on Rosemarie Todaschuk

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Rosemarie Todaschuk is certainly not one to sit idle.

By day Todaschuk keeps busy teaching music and theatre arts to students in the Seven Oaks School Division. By night, she performs as a jazz singer at venues throughout the city. Todaschuk also serves as the assistant director for the Ukrainian National Federation School of Dance.

A dancer herself, Todaschuk was among the local dancers who appeared in the Richard Gere/Jennifer Lopez film, *Shall We Dance?* which was filmed in Winnipeg.

The full schedule is just fine for Todaschuk, who says she enjoys keeping busy. These days she is working on a student production of the musical *Grease* and is also celebrating the release of her debut jazz CD, *Come Dance With Me*. Todaschuk also performs contemporary Ukrainian music with her sister Charlene and the two have released several CD's, including a Ukrainian Christmas CD.

Winnipeg audiences can see Todaschuk perform at the Inn At The Forks this February.

Here are some facts about Rosemarie Todaschuk:

Name: Rosemarie Todaschuk

Born in: Winnipeg

Age: same age as Jack Benny...29 & holding!

Currently a resident of: Garden City.

My very first job was: My first paying gig was singing with my sister, Charlene, in Ottawa at the Official Opening of a new Orthodox church in 1979.

Family: I am blessed with a very supportive and encouraging mom & dad, as well as one sister who doubles as my best friend. Charlene is married to a professional musician...they have 2 terrific & talented children and live in Montreal.

One thing I couldn't live without: singing & being mobile...I love to be active whether it's dancing, downhill skiing, exercising...

Favourite food: salad & pizza.

Favourite TV show: Friends & Sex In The City

Favourite music/musician: jazz & funk, and Canadian musician Bryan Adams.

In my spare time I like to: What spare time?

One of the most important lessons I have learned is: to respect others as you would want to be respected!