

Musicians perform 'in the round'

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Each month on every third Friday, musicians gather at the Horizon Shine Cafe for two hours of original music and poetry.

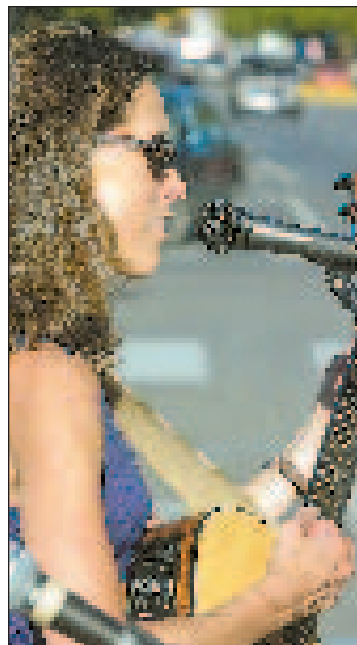
These singers and songwriters are a part of Songwriters in the Round, a local organization that has been uniting Michigan artists since 1997.

"We were looking for a venue that would be a listening audience as opposed to something like a bar where there's a lot of noise going on," said Adair Correll, facilitator for Songwriters in the Round.

Correll was part of the original group of five artists who created the group.

Since its modest beginnings, the group has expanded to over 50 members and has released three compilation recordings.

The concerts are performed "in the round," which means the first person plays a song, then the second person, then the



Jenny Thomas performs at Friday Night Live in downtown Traverse City outside of Horizon Books. Songwriters in the Round was appearing Fridays in August. Beginning in September, the group's musicians will play at The Horizon Shine Cafe downtown.

third — repeating in that manner.

Each artist ends up playing nine or 10 songs, which means over the past eight years, the songwriters have performed a combined total of more than 2,500 songs.

"We're a pretty loose-knit



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consortium," Correll said. "We don't have many rules or regulations. The only thing we require is that everything we do as songwriters in the round is original music."

In September, the Horizon Shine Cafe will feature

singer/songwriters Ruth Bloomquist, Barbara Jordan and Kirby on the third Friday of the month.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. The Horizon Shine Cafe is located in the basement of Horizon Books at 243 E. Front Street.

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