Musician travels the country to spread message of love

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Kristin Rebecca is a touring instrumentalist and songwriter who plays the lever harp and acoustic guitar. Since 2014, the Maryland native has traveled the country each year to perform over 100 shows. When asked to describe her music, her response was, “it’s almost as if Joan Baez and Ed Sheehan made an album while adding in some harp.”

Earlier this month, Rebecca brought her talents to the Roanoke Valley for a performance at 3rd Street Coffeehouse. Carla Johnson, a Salem native, was in attendance.

“I appreciate all kinds of music genres, but I would say that folk is probably my favorite,” Johnson said. “I have been a fan of Kristin for some time now, so when I discovered that she was performing locally, I wanted to check it out.”

Because last year’s performance at 3rd Street Coffeehouse was so memorable, Rebecca was eager to return. In addition to creating music, Rebecca also books her own shows, negotiates contracts, updates her social media websites and manages other aspects of her career.

“My tour PR is covered by Fox in a Box Marketing,” she said. “It’s so important for me to have a real connection with my fans. Of all the shows I’ve ever performed, 3rdStreet Coffeehouse ranks right up there.”

The Wammie Awards is an annual show that recognizes and celebrates D.C. area artists and musicians for their artistic works. In 2015, Rebecca received a Wammie nomination for Best Traditional Folk Recording for her fantasy-themed album “Where Fairies Dwell.” Securing an endorsement deal with Custom Imprinted Guitar Picks is another career accomplishment for Rebecca. However, nothing, according to her, tops the ability to tour nationally and share her talents with people of all ages and backgrounds.

“I usually draw my inspiration from three main areas. The first is from my own life experiences. For example, a song I play called ‘Wackos and Weirdos’ is about my frustration with dating. The second area I draw inspiration from is stories of those close to me,” she said. “Lastly, I’ll look at news articles and historical stories and events for inspiration.”

For more information about Rebecca and her music, visit [www.kristinrebecca.com](http://www.kristinrebecca.com/).