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## **Get Into the Act**

By Dave Howell

Christy Jefferson might write a song about anything. Her new CD has three songs about her recent marriage. But the Doylestown-based singer/songwriter has also written about a pet snail named “Speedy,” and “Java Jacket” about the paper sleeves that are used on take-out coffee cups.

Her new CD, “When Kisses Take Prisoners,” ranges from the upbeat “Crossing Kisses” to the plaintive “Chase Me,” to heartfelt ballads like “Jonathan Waiting” and “One Forever.” All feature her youthful but powerful vocals. Although she does not sing in a classical style, she developed her voice studying classical opera at Kutztown University, where she graduated with a degree in music in 2002.

On the CD, her first studio outing, Jefferson is backed with guitar, bass, drums, mandolin, cello, accordion, vocals. Her band and other musicians who appeared on the CD will be at the release party Saturday at Wired Gallery and Frame in Bethlehem.

Jefferson performs solo gigs at house parties and coffeehouses. She performs as a duo with singer/songwriter Jolene. And she performs with her band, which has a slot at this year’s Musikfest.

Jefferson has a fan base that would be the envy of other performers. In 2004, before a show at CBGB’s 313 Gallery in New York City, her instruments were stolen. With help from fans, she was able to buy replacements. Her fans and the people close to her were so generous, she recalls, “I had to say, please don’t send any more money.”