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Speaking of Christabel and the Jons

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I keep telling **Christa DeCicco** that I will come to one of her shows and give it a "review" here on the blog, and I keep managing to miss her and **The Jons** (**Jon Whitlock** on drums, **Jon Warren** on bass). So I'm listening to her My Space Music page selections instead.

Christa DeCicco has a full, confident voice that she uses for just the right kind of music. Call it "folky" to a lot of folks and a less-than-stellar stereotype might come to mind. But DeCicco doesn't rest her acoustic, gypsy-hinted blues-folk on the laurels of languid strumming and hackneyed lyrical melodrama. With the Jons, she has a trio that makes it all swing a bit. There's some swagger to their steps. Her vocals wrap comfortably around the instruments. It can be laid-back, but doesn't become laconic.

The tunes at her [My Space site](#) are three originals (at least I think they are): "Eye For an Eye," "Gypsy Woman Blues" and "Thankful"; and a groovy live cover of "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover."

Christabel and the Jons will next perform at 3 p.m. at **Carpe Librum Booksellers**, 5113A Kingston Pike.

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