

Wild, wild inspiration

Dana-Marie, Paperboys, BAG set to continue festival vibe

CATHRYN ATKINSON
CATKINSON@SQUAMISHCHIEF.COM

Wild At Art is set to continue, it seems, at least in the hearts and minds of some of the performers fired up by last month's 10-day festival.

Acoustic guitarist, song-writer and local diva Dana-Marie Battaglia said her two appearances during the festival made her want to jump up on stage again as soon as possible. She is now due to perform at Gelato Carina on Saturday (March 3) at 7:30 p.m.

"The West Coast singer-songwriters show last week really got me excited," she said. "As soon as I finished my set, I walked off stage, went straight to Greg [Fisher, owner of Gelato Carina] and said 'book me for next Saturday, I'm back!'"

Before Wild at Art, Battaglia had only played one show in four months.

"I had forgotten how much I love performing," she said.

She said her influences run as wide as classical music to the Everly Brothers to the Smashing Pumpkins, and that this tends to be reflected in the variety of her set performances.

"What I love to do is choose songs that are both popular and are songs that I really like and then change it up a bit and throw in my own style," she said. "I'll make an upbeat song sad and slow or vice versa. It's a great way to keep my own creativity flowing while giving the audience some familiar music they can get involved in."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dana-Marie Battaglia promises a new, self-produced CD and more shows very soon.

Battaglia has new material she would like to share and is currently at work on a CD.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Encore! *The Paperboys, who recently performed at Wild at Art, are coming back to the BAG.*

"I'm producing it completely on my own so it is very time consuming," she said. "I plan to record a live album within the next couple months or so to 'tide the audience over.' Peo-

ple keep asking me for a CD and it's really disappointing to keep telling them 'not yet.'"

Folk group and Juno-award nominees The Paperboys return to the Brackendale Art Gallery on March 10 after playing several shows next week in Washington State and at various venues during the Wild At Art festival. Tickets are \$18 and are available at the door.

And as a third possibility for a good night out on the town, Wild At Art coordinator Carolyn Grass invites anyone who enjoyed this recent 10 days of amazing Squamish talent during the Wild at Art festival to share in the GrassRoots Jam at the BAG this coming Sunday (March 4), from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Musicians can perform and the audience is invited to just kick back and enjoy the experience. Refreshments are available.