

## Moon to shine at Brewed Awakenings

A failed audition was the best thing to happen to Dawn Xiana Moon.

"I auditioned for an a cappella group at the University of Michigan, but I didn't get in," the 24-year-old said. "I had a hard time blending in with some of the other voices. Someone said my voice would be really good for leading worship, that it was very strong, unique."

The classically trained pianist and flutist picked up a guitar to lead worship. Two months later, she was writing songs. She counts more than 70 to her credit. Subjects range from falling in and out of love to God to a "Star Trek" teddy bear.

Yes, a "Star Trek" teddy bear.

"The Teddy Bear Song" just came out of wanting to write something funny," Moon said. "There are times when I'm feeling really depressed about something, and writing is a way to let that out. Sometimes I need to write something that's funny to counteract all this stuff that sucks."

While she writes of drool and chewed-off eyes in "The Teddy Bear Song," most of Moon's lyrics are reflective and poetic. Take "Maybe This Time": "For nights I was lost, almost smothered in the wood/ Surrounded by fog/ Ambiguity haunts



as confirmation's ghost/ And I don't know where I stand ..."

She's comfortable playing piano or guitar on stage, a place she's been since elementary school. "I'm a ham," said Moon, who graduated from UM with a degree in literature and theatre.

Last fall, she released an EP, *First-Verse*, and she's working on a full-length CD.

Catch Moon's free show at Brewed Awakenings, W. 2638 Central Ave., at 8 p.m. Sept. 30.

— Vicki L. Kroll

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