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## **Modern Day Poet Christy Crowl Performs at Borders**

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Saturday night I had the pleasure of seeing local favorite Christy Crowl play at Borders Books and Music. The singer/songwriter was introduced by her father, Dr. Vaughn Crowl, a professor at Hagerstown Community College, who offered a touching tribute to his daughter's accomplishments. Christy was accompanied by her husband and her brother-in-law.

The idea was simple, give the folks in the area a taste of what they'd hear on Sunday at a benefit concert at Hagerstown Community College. I wanted to review that show, but due to a previous engagement I was unable to attend.

To tell you the truth I was happy to see this show. It was an intimate look at an artist who is sure to make her own mark on the world of pop music. She was recently a part of the Barbara Streisand farewell tribute tour. I think that may have been more of a metaphor. The exit of one diva, the emergence of another.

The show was just a short peek into her amazing talent. She started it off with "Open It Up," the first cut from her self-titled CD. The pace changed slightly as she played a new song solo. She

introduced it briefly, "Beautiful."

There is simply no better way to describe it. Christy's voice just carries you away from all of your troubles, away from your day. This show was a true highlight, just one more reason to come by Borders for their music nights.

When you listen to a talent like this, you immediately ask yourself what they are doing here. With Christy the answer was simple, she's here to give back to the community. The gift of her music was enough. Watching someone so talented brings on conflicting emotions. A part of you is glad to see them do so well, but a part of you wishes that they'd stay and keep playing.

I wondered if anyone else knew how unique this moment was, a chance to see her play without a security entourage, a chance to see her play right there in front of you, a chance to see greatness up close.

Christy Crowl will go on to make a name for herself and her Hagerstown audience will be both proud and a little sad to see her go. Her self-titled CD, in my opinion is a masterpiece. If I had to make a comparison I'd say that she is the woman's answer to Billy Joel - thoughtful prose put to touching melody. Christy is a modern day poet both with her music and her words.