

# Longtime professional actress and Hudson resident Judy Brown-Krizman shares musical gift at assisted living centers



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A seasoned professional actress recently decided to apply her love of music on another sort of stage: area assisted living centers.

Judy Brown-Krizman recently started her own business, performing for local assisted living facilities such as Gardens of Western Reserve in Cuyahoga Falls and Rockynol in Akron.

Brown-Krizman said she decided to begin singing at senior facilities because of the joy she believes it will bring to the elderly residents and her own affinity for "songs with real melodies and lyrics," like Embraceable You, Unforgettable, Come Fly With Me and Happy Days Are Here Again. "I heard my mom sing those songs and many others like them around the house all during my childhood so I'm sure those living in senior centers will really appreciate them and make them think of days gone by," she said.

Brown-Krizman is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and the Actors Equity Association. As vocalist with the Johnny Singer's Orchestra, she has shared the stage with Bob Hope and sang for Presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan and England's Princess Margaret. She has also recorded numerous radio jingles heard nationwide and played the lead female roles in musicals ranging from My Fair Lady to Grease.

Brown-Krizman moved back to Northeast Ohio after spending 19 years in Los Angeles. She had recurring roles in the NBC daytime dramas Days of Our Lives and Santa Barbara as well as being a spokesperson for KCET, the public television station serving Southern and Central California, for 12 years. Brown-Krizman also produced and hosted Only Ohio, a series on interesting people and places in Ohio that ran on all of Ohio's public TV stations.

"Now that my kids are almost out of the nest, my daughter Mary-Kate is finishing her final year as a flute performance major at the University of Akron, and my son Ben is a senior at Hudson High School, I've decided it's time to get back to singing," she said.

Music is a way to get people to laugh, interact and share memories, Brown-Krizman said.



## Vocalist launches entertainment service

by Bronwyn Pierson

Hudson resident Judy Brown has been singing her entire life. She is now using her talents by entertaining residents at nursing homes and assisted living communities with her new company, Music for the Young at Heart.

Brown said she feels like she can make a difference in the lives of her audience.

"People get lonely," she said. "It cheers them up and gives them something to look forward to."

Influenced by the variety talk shows with musical guests that her audience watched during the early years of television, Brown provides more than just music during her sets. In between songs, she tells her personal stories of working with silver screen Hollywood actors during her 18 years living in Los Angeles. Both she and her husband worked in the entertainment business, which allowed her to meet icons like Eva Gabor, Suzanne Pleshette, Don Amece and Patty Duke.

From performing the national anthem at sporting events to singing with the Johnny Singer's Orchestra to her roles in musicals and radio work, Brown has a huge inventory of music to choose from for her performances. For Veterans Day, she selected patriotic songs to sing for her audience at Cardinal Retirement Village in Cuyahoga Falls.

Her own "one man band," she provides percussion eggs for any audience member that wants to get involved with the music.

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