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Music student releases first CD

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"The music is a cross between folk and pop music," said Jan Thompson. "It's hard to place."

The English-born duo, called Maple Street, write and perform their songs. Jan sings, and Greg plays guitar and piano.

The couple began recording their self-produced CD at Tempermill in Ferndale last August and completed it in March.

Thompson enjoys meeting other musicians through her courses at OU.

"Adjunct professor and voice teacher Barb Bland encouraged me to attend OU and she helped my vocal technique," said Thompson, who is taking a jazz improv course this summer with Special Instructor of Music Danny Jordan.

OU's campus radio station, WXOU, is helping to promote Maple Street. The couple was interviewed on the Hard Wired Show in May and tracks from the CD are played on the station.

"Its sounds cool to hear our music out on the airwaves," Thompson said.

The Thompsons married and began playing music together in 1997. Jan credits her husband for encouraging her to begin singing and performing.

"I'm learning to play the piano. We can add more instruments and depth to our music in the future," she said.

The couple performs together, "for the love of music," Thompson said. She said their long-term goals are to be signed by a record label, play for larger audiences and find a bigger following.

To purchase a CD or inquire about the summer schedule for Maple Street, contact Jan Thompson at mplstrt@aol.com.

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