

RITA ABRAMS has been entertaining Marin County audiences for quite some time now, with no intention of stopping any time soon. Her '70s hit, "Mill Valley", which she's writing a book about, topped the Billboard charts. This Christmas marks the 40th anniversary of the day she wrote the song. She's produced an array of children's recordings, TV and film scores, and musical theatre shows. Her many honors include two Emmys, twenty-eight ASCAP, and three Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle awards. Her Sony/BMG collaborations with Dr. Elmo (*Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*) have listed high on Sony's Special Products charts. Rita's stage collaborations include *Pride and Prejudice*, *Men are from Mars*, *Women are from Venus*, *For Whom the Bridge Tolls*, and *New Wrinkles*, preparing to play this New Year's Eve at San Rafael's Seafood Peddler.

Marlena and Rita have collaborated on many projects, including this year's parody. In the 70's Marlena heard the hit "Mill Valley" on the radio in Connecticut. Being an elementary school teacher herself, one of the driving factors to move to the San Francisco Bay Area was to meet Rita Abrams!