

CARRIE NEWCOMER IN CONCERT



*to benefit St. Stephen's Church
outreach ministries*

Friday, April 6, 2018

7:00 p.m.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Stephen's Church is thrilled to welcome Carrie Newcomer, songwriter, recording artist and performer, to Richmond for a concert that will not only be entertaining and inspiring, but which will support St. Stephen's outreach ministries.

A reception and book/CD signing will follow the concert.

Newcomer has produced 16 solo CDs and has received numerous awards for her music and related charitable activities. She has toured with Alison Krauss, and Nickel Creek recorded Newcomer's song "I Should've Known Better" on their Grammy-winning album "This Side." She was named one of the "50 most influential folk musicians of the past 50 years" by Chicago's WFMT, and Boston's WBEZ listed



her as one of the most influential folk artists of the last 25 years. Of Newcomer's songwriting Rolling Stone wrote that she "asks all the right questions." Dubbed a "prairie mystic" by the Boston Globe, Newcomer

is acclaimed for her "deep, rich alto and penchant for exquisite melodies." A contemplative Quaker, she cuts across secular and spiritual boundaries.

Proceeds from this concert will benefit our international outreach ministries, including support for our long standing relationship with the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, and our missionaries in Argentina, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega. In fact, Heidi is a longtime "superfan" of Newcomer's.

Though she is best known as a singer-songwriter, Newcomer is also an accomplished poet and is known for her international peacemaking

Carrie Newcomer is much more than a musician. She's a poet, storyteller, snake-charmer, good neighbor, friend and lover, minister of the wide-eyed gospel of hope and grace. All this, and she comes with a voice that declares, 'Sit down here a minute and listen.' Who could ask for more?

Barbara Kingsolver, author of *The Poisonwood Bible* and other books

work, making her a natural choice for this benefit concert. Visit our Web site to hear interviews and music tracks.



BE A SPONSOR!

In addition to selling tickets to this concert throughout the community, we are seeking sponsors. All those providing sponsorships at the \$500 level or above will have the opportunity to attend a private “meet and greet” event with the artist, and will receive reserved seating for the concert. Sponsorships from \$500 to \$1,500 include two concert tickets; higher levels include four concert tickets. (Additional tickets may be purchased for \$25 each at **ststephensRVA.org/newcomer.**) We also hope that you will allow us to acknowledge your sponsorship, both to recognize your generous support, and to encourage others to follow your example.

Sponsorship Level

- \$500 \$1,000 \$1,500
 \$2,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 \$10,000

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Please make check payable to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church and send it with this form to:

Deb Lawrence

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Or sponsor online at **ststephensRVA.org/newcomer.**

Questions: Deb Lawrence, **dlawrence@ststephensRVA.org** or 804.288.2867.

ST. STEPHEN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is deeply engaged in outreach ministries in our own community, and across the globe. By definition, the church is about mission. The formation of a community gathered in Jesus' name is an action of God's love reaching out for the establishment of God's Kingdom. This "being embraced" calls us to embrace others. We follow Jesus as his disciples by this manner of life. To join in God's work of the Kingdom is to be the church in service and love.

For more than 16 years, St. Stephen's parishioners have traveled to the Dominican Republic and worked through the Episcopal diocese and the bishop there. Since 2006, we have focused our work on the village of Azua, and the congregations of Iglesia de la Reconciliacion and San Jorge. Working side by side with our friends in Azua, we have helped build a church (Reconciliacion), and constructed houses and latrines. We also send medical and dental teams for week-long medical missions to Azua, where over 650 patients are seen and treated in a week's time. In 2012, St. Stephen's youth began traveling to Azua annually, where they lead a Vacation Bible School at the church. All our groups are received with incredible love and hospitality.

St. Stephen's missionaries, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serve in a remote, desperately poor part of northern Argentina in the province of Jujuy, in a town called Libertador General San Martin. They work closely with women and children who suffer the effects of violence and addiction to drugs and alcohol, providing them with practical help to build new lives. Heidi and Monica are engaged in projects that create a safe space and physical shelter for women and youth who are victims of violence and abuse. In addition, they are developing a comprehensive program and model to support children and youth in the community who are living in situations marked by addiction. This model will be replicated throughout Argentina. By immersing themselves deeply in the lives of these native people, Heidi and Monica are a strong presence in the community and beyond, and are able to minister well to the needs of the families. We are blessed and honored to support and participate in their work and we walk with them in this journey to as followers of Jesus.

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