

AN EVENING WITH CARRIE NEWCOMER



March 6, 2021, at 7:30 PM
Streamed Performance

An elegant folksinger with a country/bluegrass fusion, Carrie Newcomer is known for honest, authentic songwriting that illuminates life with startling depth, humor, and clarity. An Indiana native, Ms. Newcomer sings of the small joys and pains in life, emphasizing the little moments that are often taken for granted. She is not afraid to take on serious subjects and does so with a healthy measure of good humor and self-awareness. Recognized as a soaring songstress, she is also a talented facilitator for writing, spirituality, and vocation workshops.

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Folk music can be a reflection of local tradition and culture. It is one way that communities retain identity and characteristics.

- How is your culture reflected in folk or traditional songs?
- Experiencing and understanding other cultures is an increasingly valuable skill in our globalized community today; what can you learn from other cultures through their folk or traditional art?
- How could you share your culture through artistic expression?

In 2009 and 2011, Newcomer was invited by the American Embassy of India as a cultural ambassador, resulting in her interfaith collaborative album *Everything is Everywhere*.

- What other artforms can you think of that promote intercultural connection/collaboration?
- Do you have a favorite artwork from a different culture? What is it?
- The US has cultural exchange programs that seek to develop cultural understanding between United States citizens and citizens of other countries. What is it about the arts that creates connection between different cultures?

Spirituality has always been a centerpiece of Newcomer's work.

- As you watched the performance, how did spirituality show up in Newcomer's work?
- Does spirituality play a role in your daily life? If so, how?
- Are there forms of art that you feel a spiritual connection to?
- Cultures all around the world express their own unique forms of spirituality. How do the spiritual themes in Newcomer's world differ from, or relate to, other forms of spirituality?

In addition to her music, Newcomer has released two companion books of poetry and essays, *A Permeable Life: Poems and Essays* & *The Beautiful Not Yet: Poems, Essays, & Lyrics*. Many artists are multifaceted and work in multiple genres.

- What is your favorite poem?
- Can you think of any books or poems that are also songs?
- If you wrote a poem, what would you write about? Take a few minutes & try it out!