

## Singing for Some Lunches

Waco, TX. Meals On Wheels will sponsor a benefit show by the internationally known folksinger, Carrie Newcomer, Thursday, February 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Carrie Newcomer was born in Michigan and raised in Elkhart, Indiana. She attended Goshen College and received a B.A. in visual art and education from Purdue University. From 1982-1988, she was a member of the folk group Stone Soup independently releasing two recordings.

Between 1984 -1989, Newcomer toured regionally; after 1990, she has toured extensively throughout the United States and Europe, gaining increased attention after touring with Alison Krauss and Union Station in Europe and parts of the United States. She released her first solo album, *Visions and Dreams*, in 1991. Between 1993-2008, Newcomer released eleven solo recordings on Philo/Rounder. *The Geography of Light*, Newcomer's most recent recording was released in February 2008.

In 2003, her song "I Should've Known Better" appeared on Nickel Creek's Grammy Award-winning and Gold CD *This Side*.

In 2007, Newcomer collaborated with Quaker author Parker J. Palmer co-writing the song "Two Toasts." published in 2008 on *The Geography of Light*. Also that year, she collaborated with Quaker authors Scott Russell Sanders, Philip Gulley and J. Brent Bill to create the PBS special *Festival of Friends: An Offering in 4 Quaker Voices*. In 2007, she collaborated with Scott Russell Sanders and folk songwriters Krista Detor, Tim Grimm, Michael White and Tom Roznoski to create an album and theatrical production entitled *Wilderness Plots*, based on songs inspired by the short stories of Scott Russell Sanders about the history and settlement of the Ohio Valley. In 2007, Carrie Newcomer wrote the theme song for the national organization of the YMCA, and theme music for the Indiana Repertory Theatre's production of "Bad Dates."

In recent years, she has begun running workshops on writing, faith and vocation and activism and the arts. In this capacity, Carrie will be a speaker at the Baylor University chapel services in February.

As a part of her time in Waco, Carrie will be giving a concert at Lake Shore Baptist Church on Thursday, February 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from this concert will benefit the Meals On Wheels program.

Tickets are \$15.00. Tickets are available at the Meals & Wheels office, 501 W. Waco Drive, or through credit card reservation; call (254) 752-0316 and ask for Julie or Wayne.

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