

MIRACLES, MYTHS, LYRICS & LIES

KRISTA DETOR, PHILIP GULLEY, CARRIE NEWCOMER & SCOTT RUSSELL SANDERS

Four beloved Midwestern writers in a delightful collaborative presentation, celebrating stories of wonder and magic, humor and insight about the place we call home.



With her highly acclaimed album, *Mudshow* (“A Small Miracle..” *Rolling Stone*) Krista Detor was established as a gifted player on the world stage. Together with partner and producer, David Weber, she’s since released the follow-up album, *Cover Their Eyes* (“One of the best albums of the year..” *Revolver*) continuing to push the edges of genre while remaining close throughout to the lyrical thread that defines her work. She’s reached #1 on the Euro-Americana chart and her music’s been featured at the Cannes Film Festival, on NPR, PBS, the BBC, as well as countless U.S. and European National, Regional & Local radio shows. She’s appeared on both U.S. and

European television and collaborated on the CD and Stage show *Wilderness Plots*, which has received rave reviews and will continue to tour throughout the U.S. well into the future. She was honored to be chosen to be a part of the Darwin Songhouse, with 7 other songwriters in Shrewsbury England, writing for 7 days songs to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin in his hometown. The event, subsequent concert and live CD release were covered extensively by the BBC.

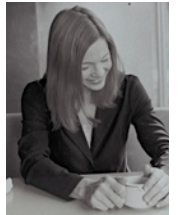


Philip Gulley is a Quaker pastor and beloved writer and speaker who has become the voice of small-town American life. *BOOKLIST* compares Gulley to Garrison Keillor, Annie Dillard, Wendell Berry and Katleen Norris. “He writes as cleanly as they, and perhaps with greater range.” Gulley’s work includes the acclaimed *Harmony* series of novels chronicling life in the eccentric Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana and the best selling *Porch Talk* series of inspirational and humorous stories. In addition, Gulley and co-author James

Mulholland describe their progressive worldview in their books, *If Grace is True* and *If God Is Love*. Gulley was raised in Danville, Indiana where he lives today with his wife Joan and sons Spencer and Sam in a rambling house with Gulley’s eclectic chair collection (sixty-four at last count) and a welcoming porch. Many of his characters and recollections are taken from his boyhood in this small Mid-western town. Gulley continues to pastor at Fairfield Friends Meeting near Indianapolis. He also hosts the television program “Porch Talk with Phil Gulley” on the Indiana PBS affiliate WFYI and their flagship show *Across Indiana*, for which he recently received an Emmy Award.



Rounder Recording artist Carrie Newcomer has been described by Barbara Kingsolvers as “poet, storyteller, snake-charmer, good neighbor, friend and lover, minister of the wide-eyed gospel of hope and grace” as well as “a soaring songstress” by *Billboard* a “prairie mystic” by *the Boston Globe* and “” “asks all the right questions” by *Rolling Stone*, “a voice as rich as Godiva chocolate.” By *The Austin Statesman*. She has toured with Alison Krauss Europe and the U.S. Nickel Creek recorded Newcomer’s song “I Should’ve Known Better”, on their Grammy-winning album *This Side*. She was listed as one of



the most influential folk artists of the last 25 years by Boston’s WUMB and one of the 50 most influential songwriters of the past 50 years by Chicago WBEZ. Carrie internationally facilitates workshops on the topics of songwriting, creative writing and spirituality, vocation and activism. In 2009 & 20011 Carrie was invited to tour India as a cultural ambassador for the American Embassy. In 20011 she released her 15th recording *Everything is Everywhere* with master of the Indian classical sarod Amjad Ali Khan as a benefit for the Interfaith Hunger Initiative. IN 2012 She will be visiting professor at Earlham School of Religion’s Ministry and Writing program.

Scott Russell Sanders is the author of twenty books of fiction and nonfiction, including, most recently, *A Private History of Awe* and *A Conservationist Manifesto*. His *Earth Works:*

Selected Essays will appear in spring 2012. Among his honors are the Lannan Literary Award, the John Burroughs Essay Award, the Mark Twain Award, the Cecil Woods Award for Nonfiction, and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. In 2010 he was named the National Winner of the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award. He is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English at Indiana University, where he taught from 1971 to 2009. He and his wife, Ruth, a biochemist, have reared two children in their hometown of Bloomington in the hardwood hill country of Indiana’s White River Valley.

