

Sondra Singer



Stories of Rhythm and Fantasy

As a lifelong performer and theater major in college, it's only natural that Sondra Singer found a way to synthesize her talent and creativity into a unique artistic experience. And with her crisp, dulcet voice, it's only natural that she became a storyteller. She showcases her talent as a storyteller, writer and drummer in her new CD, *Stories of Rhythm and Fantasy*.

"I've always enjoyed performing," says Singer. "But what I didn't like about straight theater is that it takes up so much of your time... Storytelling is different from standard theater. It allows me to have a full-time job and not devote every minute to theater."

A veteran of the Boulder Public Library's Winter Festival of Stories, Singer discovered storytelling in 1995 while taking a class with fellow Boulder storyteller Susan Marie Frontczak. Singer performs locally and will be appearing at this year's Winter Festival of Stories. She will also celebrate the release of *Stories of Rhythm and Fantasy* with some release parties in the near future.

Stories is a seven-track mixture of songs and stories, including the stories "Joy Madison Carter Makes Noise," "The Littlest Drum," "The Prince and the Gryphon or the Truth About Boredom" and "Gerald the Giant." Singer says that "Joy Madison"—a percussion-filled romp about a noisy young girl—is about her own childhood repression.

"I actually sat down to write this poem, but this story just flowed out of my hands," she says. "I would have to say it was divine intervention."

"The Littlest Drum" and "Gerald the Giant" are subtle parables about peace expressed

with characters so fully developed that the meaning comes across in an eloquent, effective manner rather than being in-your-face.

"I knew I had to write a peace story," says Singer. "I had to express to children and adults, in a non-threatening way, that we've all got to get along."

While *Stories* is a perfect holiday gift for the kids in your life, Singer's stories will appeal to children of all ages.

"Both adults and children can enjoy these stories," she says. "I try to speak in such a way that if I use big words that kids don't know they still understand through the context."

Singer will be performing "The Prince and the Gryphon or the Truth About Boredom" at this year's Winter Festival of Stories on Feb. 22. *Stories of Rhythm and Fantasy* is available through Singer's website, www.sondrasinger.com, and at Bart's CD Cellar, 1015 Pearl St., Boulder, 303-447-8150; Full Moon Books and Coffees, 9108 W. 6th Ave., Lakewood, 303-233-6666; Twist and Shout, 300 E. Alameda Ave. Unit B, 303-722-1943; and Cultural Legacy, 3633 W. 32nd Ave., Denver, 303-964-9049.

-Vince Darcangelo