

Mp3 Misty River - Stories



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walloping charisma of each of the four women—their good humor and jocular stage patter, their laughter and kinship—was as effective in the back of the theater as it was for those in the front row. The bands accordionist Dana Abel says, It is not uncommon for audience members to emerge from a show proclaiming how they now feel like part of the Misty River family—to us, that is the greatest compliment. Despite the bands growth, its ten-year history has not been without challenges. In 2004, Guitarist Carol Harley was diagnosed with leukemia (CML), just weeks before the band was to leave for a tour of China. It was a tough time Harley recalls. But with the care of my doctors, a new miracle drug called Gleevec, and the power of music, friends and faith, the disease is now in remission. Harley says making the album "Stories" and sharing the songs on stage is her chance to thank those who have supported her along the way. Misty River consists of Carol Harley of Vancouver, Washington on guitar, banjo, ukulele and mandolin; Chris Kokesh of Portland, Oregon on fiddle and guitar; Dana Abel of Eugene, Oregon on accordion; and Laura Quigley of Portland, Oregon on acoustic bass.

Stories Track Listing:

1. Branching Out: Misty Rivers trademark harmony is featured on this lighthearted, humorous song written by John Gorka.
2. Old Memories (Mean Nothing to Me): Picture Quigley and Kokesh as Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette on this Steve Young country classic.
3. Life Is Good: Harley draws on the gospel tradition to tell the story of her second chance at life after battling melanoma skin cancer years ago.
4. Louisa: Fiddle and accordion duets give Abels southern California love song a south-of-the-border feel.
5. Black Muddy River: Kokesh reflects on the restorative power of nature in this beauty written by Jerry Garcia and Robert Hunter.
6. Slice of Life: A bus ride down Portlands Burnside Avenue inspired Abels comical toe-tapper.
7. Time Goes By: Kokesh is solo and at her best on this intimate song about letting go and moving on.
8. Turtle Dove: Based on an old Irish melody, Abel wrote lyrics and arranged this love song for three-part acappella harmony.
9. Star of the County Down/Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Connaughtmans Rambles: Beginning with a beautiful solemn melody and ending with an upbeat fiddle tune, this instrumental trilogy transports the listener to the Irish countryside.
10. Barbara Ellen: Quigleys eloquent bass playing and passionate vocal is featured on this centuries-old traditional.
11. Daylight Again: Three-part harmony vocals and Harleys claw-hammer style banjo deliver this war commentary by Stephen Stills.
12. Black Hawk: Quigley tells the tale of lovers Black Hawk and the White Winged Dove in this Louisiana-rooted ballad by Daniel Lanois.
13. Gan Lan Shu (The Olive Tree): One of the most popular contemporary songs in China, Kokesh sings this melancholy story of longing for home.
14. A Prayer Like Any Other: Harley

closes the album with a simple offer of thanks to Misty Rivers fans and supporters over the past decade.

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