

JILL BOLTE TAYLOR & CARRIE NEWCOMER

TRANSFORMATIVE STORIES

Peace is just a thought away.



AN EVENT OF UNCOMMON DEPTH

Transformative Stories: Jill Bolte Taylor, internationally recognized neuroanatomist and author of the bestselling *My Stroke of Insight*, and critically acclaimed singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer, have come together to create an unforgettable evening of story and song, language and music, image and information, humor and human experience. Presenting on the same stage, author and songwriter weave a seamless story of insight into the wonders of the human brain and the resilience of the human spirit through their own stories of change and transformation. The evening is designed to be a completely enveloping experience for audience members. Author and songwriter engage the listeners in intellectual discussion, while at the same time taking them on a powerful journey into the consciousnesses of their hearts and minds. Both Jill and Carrie have warm, friendly and nurturing styles of presentation, mutually

creating a space of safety, joy and celebration of life.

Transformative Stories is a multifaceted, multimedia event where audiences laugh, weep and ultimately leave the theatre aware that they have new tools for their own personal empowerment, authentic living, and a greater awareness of what it means to be more present moment by moment.

Jill Bolte Taylor is a Harvard trained and published neuroanatomist. Her area of specialty for research was in the postmortem investigation of the human brain as it related to schizophrenia. In 1996, at the age of 37, Jill experienced a rare form of stroke that rendered her so disabled that she could not walk, talk, read, write or recall any of her life. It took eight years for her to completely recover. Her *New York Times* bestseller, *My Stroke of Insight*, details the morning of the stroke, her eight-year recovery,

and what she learned through the eyes of a brain scientist who had the privilege of losing her mind. A dynamic speaker, Jill infuses her speeches with appropriate humor.

Carrie Newcomer has been described as “a soaring songstress” by *Billboard*, a “prairie mystic” by the *Boston Globe*, “weaving a tapestry of life and hope” by the Associated Press. Carrie has toured with Alison Krauss and was the recipient of a Grammy for her song, “I Should Have Known Better.” Carrie facilitates workshops in arts, educational and spiritual communities. She has toured extensively throughout the United States and abroad. In 2009, Carrie toured throughout India as a cultural ambassador for the American Embassy promoting compassion, understanding, and building bridges through story and song. Her 12th CD, “Before and After,” was released on Rounder Records in February 2010.

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