

Press Release

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Re: Performance of “I’ve Got a Song! : A Living History of the McCarthy Era”

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I’VE GOT A SONG!: A LIVING HISTORY OF THE MCCARTHY ERA – *a program of stories and songs*

A performance of “I’ve Got a Song! A Living History of the McCarthy Era” is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 4 PM at the Jemez Springs Public Library. The program of stories and songs is free and open to the public.

Written and performed by Nancy Hood with instrumental accompaniment by James Cooper and narration by Susanna Cooper, “I’ve Got A Song!” depicts Nancy’s childhood experiences growing up in a leftist family during the McCarthy Era. Complementing the stories is a musical selection ranging from spirituals to union songs, haunting love ballads to humorous tunes of social significance. A backdrop of family photographs and newspaper clippings completes this living history lesson that spans the mid-’40s through the early ’60s. Evoking laughter and tears, this program draws the audience into a child’s courageous struggle with adversity and persecution.

Reflecting on “I’ve Got a Song”, Pete Seeger wrote: “I am lucky that the seeds I planted in 1949 are still thriving. Keep on...” Historian, Howard Zinn, endorsed the program stating: “Nancy’s performance piece is a delightful reminder of the connection between songs and social justice. I found it a pleasure to listen to and truly inspiring in recalling the historic struggles for a better world. From our audience: “Your program was powerful, purposeful and inspiring. Thank you for singing your songs and telling your story. So important for all of us!”

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