



**Interfaith[®]
Philadelphia**

2026 DARE TO UNDERSTAND[®] AWARDS

CELEBRATING ABBY STAMELMAN HOCKY



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026 • 7:00-9:00PM

JOIN US AT BETH AM ISRAEL,
1301 HAGYS FORD ROAD, PENN VALLEY, PA 19072
OR VIRTUALLY VIA LIVE STREAM

FEATURING A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY CARRIE NEWCOMER

ABBY STAMELMAN HOCKY

FOUNDER • VISIONARY • LEADER

**CELEBRATING 22 YEARS
OF EXTRAORDINARY
LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE
TO INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA**



PROGRAM

6:30pm Doors Open

7:00pm Musical Performance
by Carrie Newcomer

7:30pm *Dare to Understand*® Awards
Ceremony

8:15pm Musical Performance
by Carrie Newcomer

8:30pm Reception

To purchase tickets, please visit
interfaithphiladelphia.org/dare-to-understand-awards



ABBY STAMELMAN HOCKY

leads with integrity, imagination, and energy. Anyone who has had the pleasure of meeting Abby has been moved by her soft, welcoming presence, and forever changed by her empathy and deep value of the importance of understanding one another. Abby's passion for interfaith work, which began before she created Interfaith Philadelphia, has left an irreversible mark on our region.

As Abby steps into her next chapter, join us to celebrate her remarkable contributions and honor her legacy – one of curiosity, openness, and a commitment to a just and compassionate society.

Abby once said, "We will not let the fire stop until the light shines on everyone." On May 31st, we shine the light on her.





ABOUT THE MUSICAL PERFORMER

CARRIE NEWCOMER is an international touring and recording artist, poet, activist, and retreat facilitator.



ABOUT INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA

Since 2004, Interfaith Philadelphia has served the Philadelphia region, building relationships and bridges with and among diverse communities. Through immersive programs like our *Mosaic* youth summer program, trainings and workshops such as *Navigating Difficult Conversations*, or our facilitation of critical tables including the region's *Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia*, we continue to challenge Philadelphians to *Dare to understand*® one another.

This is vital work. In times often characterized by division, misunderstanding, hatred, and violence, Interfaith Philadelphia sets a large table, inviting all to listen respectfully and share authentically. We are proud to do this work in the birthplace of religious freedom, and to have over 500 religious, civic, and corporate partners who believe in this vision.

ABOUT THE DARE TO UNDERSTAND® AWARD

Interfaith Philadelphia's *Dare to Understand*® Award honors individuals, communities, and businesses of distinction that have championed the work of interfaith engagement and understanding across lines of difference. Awardees lead their communities by example, demonstrating humility, curiosity, and respect, qualities imperative in interfaith work.



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ARTIST KRISTA BARD FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION OF THE DARE TO UNDERSTAND® AWARD, A PRINT ENTITLED "UNDERSTANDING"

SPONSORSHIP & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Join Interfaith Philadelphia in celebrating our region's rich diversity. Your support honors the legacy of our awardee, furthers the work of Interfaith Philadelphia, and demonstrates your commitment to *dare to understand!*

You can also purchase an ad in our event program to celebrate Abby's legacy or highlight your dedication to interfaith connection.



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