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Tickets for the performance are \$10 for the general public, \$8 for MPR members and \$5 for UMM students. Bring a can to donate to the Stevens County Food Shelf and receive a \$1 discount. Call (320) 589-6080 or visit the Student Activities Office for ticket information.

The six-city “Song for Minnesota” tour is a celebration of Minnesota’s 150th anniversary and will reach Duluth, Morris, St. Joseph, Bemidji and Winona, culminating in a grand finale performance at Minnesota Public Radio’s Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul on May 3, where Reed will feature a new song incorporating ideas from Minnesotans. To participate, visit [MPR](#) and click on the shortcuts menu.

About Ann Reed

Ann Reed has had devoted fans lining up at the box office for more than a quarter-century. She recently released *Telling Stories*, a two-CD set celebrating those 25 years—years spent writing songs, making music and delighting everyone within earshot.

Reed has been honored with enough awards to fill a couple of walls and a bunch of shelf space. These accolades from the likes of *Billboard* magazine, the National Association of Independent Recording Distributors, the Minnesota Music Academy and the Girl Scouts reflect a satisfying career by anyone's measure—made even more so since she combines her artistry with community involvement: she donates about 25 percent of her time to support nonprofit groups that primarily benefit women and children.

About Dan Chouinard

Pianist, accordionist and occasional storyteller Dan Chouinard will accompany Reed. A Minneapolis native who plays, tours and records regularly with an ever-expanding roster, Chouinard regularly creates special programs for Minnesota Public Radio and works the occasional *A Prairie Home Companion* show with Garrison Keillor. He also served as rehearsal accompanist to Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin and Lindsay Lohan on the Robert Altman-directed movie “*A Prairie Home Companion*.”

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