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Arts Corner

Finding inspiration on the water

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Krista Detor has been busy over the past four years, so when you learn it's been four years since her last CD, don't think she's been taking it easy.

Detor said she's been writing for other people, doing collaborations and performing. She's also been writing songs.

"I've been busy. I've been creatively very busy, but I didn't have a thread of an album," she said in a recent phone interview.

Detor has what she calls "old-school" ideas about putting together an album. Although people might be prone to buying one song at a time through iTunes versus buying a whole album, Detor believes an album should make sense from start to finish.

So when it came to putting together a new album, Detor was stuck. She wasn't able to find or write songs that seemed to tell one story — until she went sailing. She was invited to spend time on a sailboat in Lake Huron. With endless horizon around her, she began to write.

"For the first time in a long time, I had the sense of limitless possibility out on that boat and the sense of freedom I hadn't had in quite awhile," Detor said.

That sense of freedom was what Detor needed — an escape from stress, routine, demands and technology. On the boat, she had no way to get online.

"Sadly, that was a huge feeling of freedom. We don't disconnect from each other anymore. I'm not sure we're built for it, but that's the cycle. It ain't going away," she said.

And what finally came together was her new CD, "Flat Earth Diary," which Detor will release Thursday in a benefit concert for Volunteers in Medicine.

The struggle seems to be worth it. On her new CD, Detor worked with a long list of amazing artists including Victor Wooten, Ariel Horowitz, Dena El Saffir and Janiece Jaffe, just to name a few.

"I'm so lucky this town is just crawling with talent. It's ridiculous," she said.

Promoting the CD, Detor just returned from a pre-release CD tour in Ireland.

"The reviews are coming in extremely well. I have no complaints," she said.

And for those interested in the creative process, Detor has written a companion book for the CD.

Detor said fans are often interested in learning about her writing process and where she gets her inspiration.

"They really want to know the background of the pieces. People always want to know about the process. They want to know what goes into making the piece," Detor said.

So after the album came together, Detor spent time putting together those ideas and processes about each song.

"I'm hoping that that's well received, too," she said.

Both the book and the album reflect the retrospection Detor experienced while writing the songs. It may have taken some time for her to pull it all together, but as an artist, sometimes fans need to be patient.

"I didn't like the idea of too much repetition, so I feel like I wanted something new to say," she said.

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If You Go

WHAT: Krista Detor's ninth annual Holiday Show and CD Release

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday

WHERE: Bloomington Monroe County Convention Center, 302 S. College Ave., Bloomington

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