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Award-winning Corning Author Releases Audio Book

Corning, NY - September 28, 2010 - The release of the audio book “Alysa of the Fields” by Tina Field Howe will usher in Teen Read Week on October 16 at the Southeast Steuben Public Library in Corning. The theme of the Teen Read Week is “Books With a Beat”, and “Alysa” certainly fills this bill, as there is a lot of music accompanied by drums in the story. This unique eight-CD, 9.5 hour audio book features the voice talents of 41 actors from the Corning area, Ithaca, Sayre and Binghamton, with Howe narrating. Alison Chen of Horseheads, NY plays the lead character, Alysa. David A. Scott of Corning plays Szaren, the male lead. The cinematic, atmospheric rock music is by award-winning composer Warren Jeffrey Motter of Big Flats.

Published in paperback and hardcover in 2006, Howe says, “I had dreamed of eventually telling the story through an audio book. Then I applied for and received a 2009 Artist Crossroads grant from NYSCA through The ARTs Council of the Southern Finger Lakes, which was the jump-start I needed to set things in motion.” Howe converted the manuscript into an unabridged radio script, auditioned actors, recorded and edited their voice recordings, and mixed them with sound effects and Motter’s music. Howe plans on creating more audio books. “I had no idea this was going to take so long, as this was my first audio book. Next time I’ll know what to expect.”

How has begun the distribution of free copies of the audio book to public and school libraries, eldercare facilities, organizations for the vision impaired, and hospitals. Representatives of these organizations can contact Howe if they would like to add an audio book to their library.

The audio book won a pre-release Gold award from Readers Favorite, a respected reviewer of books. Howe’s second book in the series, “The TrailFolk of Xunar-kun”, won the Silver award in the science fiction category, its second award. The audio book release will be held on Saturday, October 16 from 1-3:00 p.m. at the Corning Library. Special guest Toni Quest, artist and Internet radio show host, will be on hand for the festivities. Books, CDs and MP3 download cards will be available for purchase. Refreshments will be provided by the Library. For more information, visit http://www.AlysaBooks.com/audio_book.htm.

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