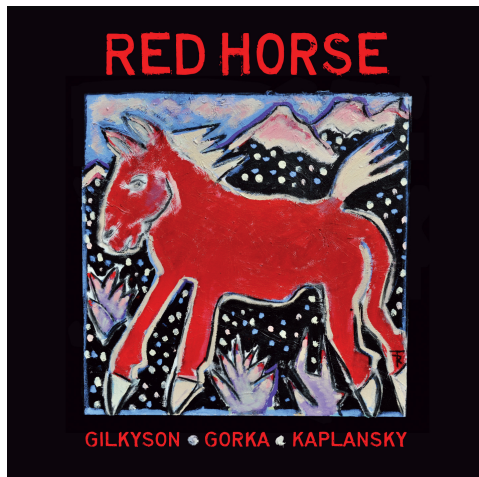


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## RED HORSE

The new folk supergroup featuring  
Eliza Gilkyson, John Gorka & Lucy Kaplansky!

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Red House Records is pleased to announce the July 13, 2010 release of *Red Horse*, the debut album from folk's newest supergroup featuring **Eliza Gilkyson, John Gorka and Lucy Kaplansky**. Together these three veteran songwriters team up to cover each other's songs and breathe new life into old favorites. Awash in gorgeous harmonies and simple acoustic production, this album is sure to be an instant folk classic and a big hit with fans.

Lucy. Inspired by shows they did during Red House's 25th Anniversary Tour, they decided to make a recording together, which has been a treat for all involved.

"It was a project conceived, developed and released with a sense of play," John says. "Who'd have known solitary types could get along?" Eliza agrees. "If I had to use only one word to sum up this project I would use the word 'harmony'--not just in terms of the vocals but also in the way we relate to each other," she says. "We're friends, we love each other's work and we love to sing together." Lucy adds, "Eliza and John are two of my very favorite artists and people, so it's been amazing to hear my songs sung by these great singers and to have the chance to sing lead on their beautiful songs."

The three friends began by recording their basic tracks in their hometowns of Austin, TX, Stillwater, MN and New York City. Then they worked out the harmonies while on the road together and when they converged for a few days in St. Paul this spring. The result is a perfect patchwork of new and old songs, mixing traditional folk and contemporary Americana.

Red Horse's sparse instrumentation allows these three wonderful singers to carry the magic of great songwriting. Each of these legendary artists solos on classics first made famous by the other two members. Lucy gives a moving performance of Eliza's "**Sanctuary**," John takes the lead on Lucy's "**Don't Mind Me**" and Eliza performs John's "**Forget to Breathe**," available for the first time on Red House Records. The album includes John's new song "**If These Walls Could Talk**" as well as fresh new takes on Lucy's popular song "**Scorpion**" and Eliza's classic "**Walk Away From Love**." Beautifully bookended with covers of Neil Young's "**I Am a Child**" and the traditional tune "**Wayfaring Stranger**," *Red Horse* is a homecoming, a return to their folk roots.

Displaying their impressive talents as writers, singers and musicians, *Red Horse* shows why Eliza Gilkyson, John Gorka and Lucy Kaplansky are three of folk music's most popular artists and why their music speaks to fans of all generations.

Celebrating the release of their new album, Red Horse will be touring at select venues and festivals throughout 2010 and 2011. For their full schedule and other news, visit [www.myspace.com/redhorsefolk](http://www.myspace.com/redhorsefolk) or find them on Facebook.

"Like Johnny Cash or Pete Seeger, the very timbre of Gilkyson's voice convinces the listener that she understands the deep lessons of life."

- **PopMatters**

"Sophisticated yet never over-complicated, Gorka's a veteran with miles to go before he's complete."

- **iTunes**

"Bold, vibrant...Kaplansky's vocals seem to glide into the heavens."

- **Boston Globe**

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## RED HORSE IS...

### ELIZA GILKYSON (Austin, TX) - [www.elizagilkyson.com](http://www.elizagilkyson.com)

Eliza Gilkyson is a politically minded, poetically gifted singer-songwriter, who has become one of the most respected musicians in roots, folk and Americana circles. The Grammy-nominated artist has appeared on NPR, *Austin City Limits*, *Mountain Stage*, *etown*, XM, *Air America Radio* and has toured with **Richard Thompson**, **Patty Griffin** and **Mary Chapin Carpenter**. In February of 2003, she was inducted into the **Austin Music Hall of Fame**. The induction placed Eliza alongside an exclusive list of Austin Music Hall of Fame greats, including **Willie Nelson**, **Townes Van Zandt**, **Nanci Griffith**, **Billy Joe Shaver**, **Butch Hancock**, **Joe Ely** and others. In 2006, she was recognized with **3 Austin Music Awards** and **4 Folk Alliance Music Awards**, one of which was for "Song of the Year" for her tune "Man of God." Eliza's meditative tune "Requiem," written as a prayer for those who lost lives in the devastating tsunami in Southeast Asia, was recorded by the nationally recognized choral group **Conspirare** and was nominated for a Grammy. It was also featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*. Her most recent Red House release *Beautiful World* was hailed as masterpiece by *All Music Guide* and was called "one of the best folk albums of 2008" by the *Utne Reader*.

### JOHN GORKA (Stillwater, MN) - [www.johngorka.com](http://www.johngorka.com)

John Gorka is a world-renowned singer-songwriter who was raised in New Jersey and came out of New York City's Greenwich Village folk scene that produced such songwriters as **Suzanne Vega** and **Shawn Colvin**. His award-winning songs have been recorded and performed by such notable artists as **Mary Chapin Carpenter**, **Nanci Griffith** and **Mary Black**. John has recorded eleven solo albums, six on Red House Records. His latest, *So Dark You See*, featured the song "Ignorance & Privilege," which was highlighted as one of the **top folk songs of 2009 by NPR Music**. The album also includes unique musical takes on some of his favorite songs and poems, including **Robert Burns'** "A Fond Kiss" and **Utah Phillips'** "I Think of You." It also includes "Where No Monuments Stand," his musical version of the poem "At the Un-national Monument by the Canadian Border" by **Oregon Poet Laureate William Stafford**, which was written for the documentary on Stafford's life called *Every War Has Two Losers*.

### LUCY KAPLANSKY (New York, NY) - [www.lucykaplansky.com](http://www.lucykaplansky.com)

Lucy Kaplansky is an acclaimed singer-songwriter, as well as a former clinical psychologist, whom the *New Yorker* has described as "a truly gifted performer with a bag full of enchanting songs." She has recorded seven albums for Red House, two of which (*Ten Year Night* and *Every Single Day*) were awarded **Best Pop Album of the Year** by the Association for Independent Music. In 1998 Lucy teamed up with **Dar Williams** and **Richard Shindell** to form the supergroup **Cry Cry Cry**. The resulting album was an astonishing commercial and critical success, resulting in a national tour of sold-out concerts. Since then, Lucy has appeared on the *CBS Morning Show*, NPR's *Weekend* and *Morning Editions*, *Mountain Stage*, and *West Coast Live*, and has sung harmony on albums by **Bryan Ferry**, **Nanci Griffith** and **Shawn Colvin**. Lucy's latest album, *Over the Hills*, received stellar reviews and was a return to her folk and country roots with luminous personal songs about love and loss and fresh covers of **Johnny Cash** and **Ian Tyson** songs.



Eliza Gilkyson, John Gorka, Lucy Kaplansky  
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