

Artist Response Team (ART) presents

Up Your Watershed!

Tour 2009/10

A Voices of Nature concert series

Featuring **Holly Arntzen ~ Kevin Wright**

With **The Dream Band**

singers from

White Rock, Coast Meridian and South Meridian Schools

Thurs. Dec. 3

Bell Performing
Arts Centre, Surrey

Tickets \$20.00 at the
Bell Centre box office
Show 7pm doors at 6:30pm

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Music...
Ecology...
Education...
Action!

WHAT: *Up Your Watershed!*
Concert for Salmon Conservation

WHO: **Holly Arntzen, Kevin Wright & the Dream Band with the Voices of Nature**

WHEN: **Thursday, December 3, 2009, 7:00pm**

WHERE: **Bell Performing Arts Centre**
6250 - 144th Street, Surrey, BC V3X 1A1

TICKETS: **\$20 General Admission, \$10 Seniors/Students**
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The Artist Response Team (ART) presents *Up Your Watershed!*, a concert to celebrate the beauty and precious ecological heritage of our watersheds, oceans and wild salmon. World-class musicians **Holly Arntzen, Kevin Wright and the Dream Band** will be joined by 400 singers from **South Meridian, Coast Meridian and White Rock elementary schools**, performing songs that promote watershed stewardship in the Fraser Basin. Musicians, educators, artists and youth sing out and speak up for protecting salmon habitat.

After all...every one of us lives in a watershed.

Up Your Watershed! is part of ART's **Voices of Nature community outreach program**, that brings professional musicians together with teachers and young people to perform songs that express a collective vision for sustainability. The songs blend art, life and interest: they are a new form of world music that moves people to change behaviors and help communities become sustainable. Concerts are underpinned by highly developed Artist In Residence programs that use music in the classroom to educate about nature. Teacher use ART's award-winning learning resources, the **Salish Sea and Cycle of Life/Recycle Educators' Handbooks**, that provide activities that are linked to song lyrics, and fulfill prescribed learning outcomes in many subjects. The music is a spoon full of honey that helps the medicine go down. *Voices of Nature* concerts inspire audience members to learn, take action and have a lot of fun!

The decision-makers of tomorrow (children) perform for the decision-makers of today (their elders).

The songs tell the story

Up Your Watershed! celebrates the greatest salmon river in the world-the Fraser. It's a rockin' spawning song asking, "Where are the sockeye?"

Salish Sea was written in 1999 about the incredible biodiversity of our precious inland ocean-the Strait of Georgia, Puget Sound and Strait of Juan de Fuca. The title pays respect to Salish First Nations who have lived on its shores for thousands of years. The swinging slide blues dulcimer hook, and impassioned fist-in-the-air battle cry, "BULL KELP!" never fail to rally up the troops around marine conservation.

I Am The Future is ART's sustainability anthem for the world, and the title of the new album to be released in January 2010. A world-folk-fusion song written from the point of view of children talking to adults.

Listen to song samples: www.HollyArntzen.ca

View a live concert video on YouTube of *I Am The Future*
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70gJXiFVv-Y>

Visit ART's educational website: www.CycleOfLife.ca

Additional *Up Your Watershed!* concerts

Williams Lake (November 5 at the Gibraltar Room)

Vancouver (January 21, 2010 at the Norman Rothstein Theatre)

Vancouver (March 2, 2010 at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre)

Up Your Watershed! is a partnership between: The Co-Operators, Encorp Pacific (Canada), Artist Response Team (ART) The Nature Trust of BC (TNT), Vancouver Arbutus Rotary Club, Fraser Salmon and Watershed Program (FSWP), Royal City Rotary Club (New Westminster), Daybreak Rotary Club (Williams Lake)

