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A VOICE FOR CONSERVATION IN CANADA'S COLUMBIA AND SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAINS

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REQUIEM FOR A GLACIER

REQUIEM COMPOSER PAUL WALDE:

"IF WE DESTROY THESE PLACES, WE ARE ALSO DESTROYING OUR CULTURE."

Photo: Dave Quinn

Once in a very long while, mountains, art, culture, and passion intersect, with powerful results. Such was the case this July with *Requiem For A Glacier*, a four-part operatic composition by Victoria composer Paul Walde. Over 40 musicians, aged 12 to 83, along with nearly fifty porters, support staff, sound techs, camera techs, and directors, performed the composition at two locations inside the proposed boundaries of the Jumbo Glacier Resort. Wildsight volunteers acted as shuttle drivers and porters, and long-time Wildsight members videographers and climbers Pat and Baiba Morrow helped film the performance.

Conductor Ajtony Csaba, director of the University of Victoria Symphony and the Central European Chamber Orchestra, led the performance, which took place at the base of the rapidly melting Commander Glacier, and on the receding toe of the East Farnham Glacier. A documentary film and an art installation are planned.

Commissioned by the Langham Cultural Center in Kaslo, *Requiem* was composed to bring awareness to melting glaciers, and particularly to these glaciers, on which the crevasse-riddled summer 'ski' runs of the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort would be built. *Requiem For a*

Glacier is a Latin translation of a government press release announcing the approval of the controversial project, as well as detailing 25 years of public opposition.

Despite all the uncertainty with our backcountry access after this spring's extraordinary rain events, curator Kiara Lynch was able to safely move all the gear, musicians, and support volunteers onto the glacier, a minor miracle in itself.

For more information on exhibitions contact requiemforaglacier@gmail.com.

For information on the ongoing Jumbowild project check out jumbowild.ca.

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REGIONAL

JON TURK TOUR

Oct 15 • Revelstoke Performing Arts
Oct 16 • Golden Civic Centre
Oct 17 • DTSS, Invermere
Oct 18 • Key City Theatre, Cranbrook
Oct 20 • Fernie Arts Station
Oct 22 • Rotacrest Hall, Creston
Oct 23 • Nelson

QAT'MUK: STAND OUR GROUND

Nov 22 • Key City Theatre, Cranbrook

KIMBERLEY/CRANBROOK

JON TURK: CROCODILES & ICE

Oct 18 • 7.30pm • Key City Theatre

TIM COPE LIVE

Oct 25 • 7.30pm • McKim

CAN-DO COMPOSTING

Kimberley Nov 2 • 10am - 2pm
Cranbrook Nov 2 • 3 - 5pm

GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE

Nov 8 - 9 • Kimberley Conf Centre

GO WILD STORY & PHOTO NIGHT

Nov 13 • 6.00pm • McKim Theatre

BEST OF BANFF MTN FILM FEST

Jan 4 • Key City Theatre

ELK VALLEY

TREK WEST CELEBRATION

Sept 30 • 7.30pm • Fernie Arts Station

JON TURK: YAKS TO BLOWGUNS

Oct 20 • 7.00pm • Fernie Arts Station



FERNIE HOMETOWN HERO BRINGS HOME EARTH DAY AWARD

Fernie Community Ecogarden founder Dawn Deydey's extraordinary commitment to local living has not gone unnoticed. In June, Deydey flew to Toronto to accept her Earth Day Canada 2013 Individual Hometown Heroes Award, presented at a star-studded Earth Day Gala, with Tzeporah Berman, Mary Walsh, Rick Mercer and other Canadian icons.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity I have had to work with impassioned committed volunteers to help sustainability sprout in Fernie," says Deydey. "Growing the EcoGarden over the last 10 years has resulted in more than dirt under my fingernails – it constantly fills me with inspiration."

Deydey is donating the \$10,000 award to the Wildsight Elk Valley branch.



GOLDEN SPROUTS A NEW GENERATION OF GROWERS

Ten master gardeners of Golden have been donating their time, expertise, and garden space to fifty local grade four students, planting the seeds of the next generation of local food growers. "Pods" of six students made weekly visits to the mentor gardens through May and June, learning the essentials of seed saving, soil preparation, different planting methods, weeding, watering, and the importance of good soil. They also had a hand in creating a new garden space from scratch on land donated by the EcoAdventure Ranch in Nicholson.

The goodness does not stop there. The students will work together this fall to turn the harvest into soups and roasted potatoes, to be sold for a charity fundraiser.



LIVING LAKES CANADA GETS BOOST FROM LUSH

Wildsight's marquee program, Living Lakes Canada, got a \$10,000 boost from cosmetics giant LUSH this summer. To support Living Lakes Canada, Lush spearheaded a campaign this summer to help the public to take control of their water and switch to ONLY reusable water bottles.

Living Lakes Canada was featured in 187 LUSH stores across North America, and project staff had the opportunity to visit LUSH outlets to pump the project.

Living Lakes Canada, whose mission is to work across societal boundaries to protect source waters here in the Columbia Basin and across Canada.

www.livinglakes.ca

■ CRESTON

JON TURK: CROCODILES & ICE
Oct 22 • 7.00pm • Rotacrest Hall

GLACIERS OF THE ROCKIES
Nov 5 • 7.00pm • Rotacrest Hall

LOCAL COLOURS AT THE TRIVOLI
Dec 2 • 7.30pm • Trivoli Theatre

■ INVERMERE

COLUMBIA BASIN SALMON FESTIVAL
Sep 28 • Kinsmen Beach

WATERSHED SYMPOSIUM
Sep 29 - 30 • Fairmont Hot Springs

JON TURK: YAKS TO BLOWGUNS
Oct 17 • 7.30pm • DTSS

■ GOLDEN

BRANCH MEETING
Oct 9 • 7pm • Lady Grey Elementary

JON TURK: CROCODILES & ICE
Oct 16 • 7.30pm • Civic Centre

ECOLOGICAL FARMING DINNER
with Dave Zehnder • Oct 26



GLOBAL ADVENTURER JON TURK TOURS THE KOOTENAYS WITH WILDSIGHT

Legendary Fernie explorer, author, and speaker Jon Turk will tour the Kootenays this fall, sharing personal stories told as only Turk can, from his many adventures in the world's wildest places.

One of National Geographic's 2012 Top 10 Adventurers of the Year, Jon has led human-powered expeditions all over the world, from the Canadian Arctic to Siberia and Kamchatka, and from the Himalayas to tempting fate and misadventure around notorious Cape Horn.

In storytelling fashion, backed by stunning imagery, Jon Turk will take you on a trans-global journey: sea kayaking in the Solomon Islands, the circumnavigation of Ellesmere Island in the polar Arctic, a bicycle ride across the Tibetan plateau to the birthplace of the Dalai Lama, and into our own backyards. These journeys constitute a quest for the "spiritual revolution" that must underlie humanity's greater journey into the 21st century -- with a reasonable hope of creating a peaceful, equitable, healthy, and sustainable world.

"The Kootenays are an integral part of planet Earth," explains Turk with his unique global perspective, "and by starting here, we join with other people in other communities, working within other organizations, to join hands for the common good."

Jon is working with Wildsight to highlight how important it is to preserve our own backyards, to highlight why wild places like the Flathead, the David Thompson Heritage Lands, or the Heart of the Purcells are so critical for healthy communities.

"This journey that we talk about, while global in nature, is implemented one person at a time, one river valley at a time, one ecosystem at a time"



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THE RIVER WE HAD, THE RIVER WE HAVE AND THE RIVER WE WANT

To create a blueprint for a new and exciting future, we often need to look back at, and learn from the successful designs, as well as the failures of the past.

Columbia Valley residents did just that on **September 28th at the 3rd annual Salmon Festival** on Lake Windermere, hosted by the Canadian Columbia River Inter-tribal Fisheries Commission's Columbia Basin. Up until the early 1940's this same beach was the final resting place of thousands of wild Pacific salmon, until dam construction blocked their spawning movements. The loss of this essential food source to our communities, wildlife and ecosystems is inestimable.

The festival celebrated the cultural significance, the challenges and the prospects of restoring salmon to the Columbia Basin.

THINK LIKE A WATERSHED

In conjunction with the Salmon Festival, Living Lakes Canada facilitated the Columbia Basin Watershed Network's (CBWN) **Watershed Symposium** on September 29-30th. The symposium was an open-forum discussion on watershed governance models, focusing on First Nations leadership, changing climates, and watershed-based ecology.

The workshop, kicked off with a **keynote address by John Ralston Saul**, was the beginning of a long-term cross-cultural dialogue with respect to basin-wide water management. Discussions at this level are increasingly critical with the fast-approaching 2014 Columbia Basin Treaty Renegotiation on the horizon.

Saul highlighted the need to consider a new Canadian narrative based on our aboriginal heritage that is truly collaborative and inclusive. The 120 attendees left inspired and committed to change.

Missed the symposium? See recordings of Saul and other presenters at www.livinglakes.ca



WE ARE WILDSIGHT

We care about our home. Not just the homes we live in, but the ecological home that supports all life, all industry and all of us. That's why we work hard for healthy human communities and healthy wild spaces here, in Canada's Columbia and Rocky Mountains ecoregions.

