

All streams lead to Water's Edge Festival February 25 – 27, 2011

COQUITLAM, BC, Feb 7, 2011 –There is a flood of activity in preparation for the 3rd annual **Water's Edge Festival** at the Evergreen Cultural Centre in Coquitlam. Originally a festival of music, the new and expanded festival will embrace many "streams" of artistic expression including music, dance, visual arts and design.

The signature Water's Edge event is **Dee Daniels: An Afternoon of Jazz, Blues and Gospel** on Sunday, February 27 at 2pm. The gracious and dynamic Dee Daniels is a unique talent who transcends musical borders with her jazz styling, infused with gospel and blues. All this, combined with a dazzling stage presence, gives her a singular ability to thrill an audience. Joining her are Tony Foster on piano, Russ Botten on bass and Joe Poole on drums. Tickets are \$25 and \$20.

Want to learn more about Gospel? Dee is leading a **Gospel Workshop** from 10:30am - noon on Sunday. Make a day of it and brush up on your vocal techniques. The workshop is free.

Submerge yourself entirely on Sunday by viewing over 80 artworks in the Gallery and meeting an imaginative group of artists in the show, **Those Who Can, Teach!** And, take the plunge at **PechaKuchaNight Coquitlam** presented by ArtsConnect on Sunday, February 27 at 7pm. This go-to happening is a network and performance event about inspiration and ideas. Tickets are \$12.

Other main stage events include **Ballet Kelowna's** full length program, *Actions Consequences* on Saturday, February 26 at 8pm. It will feature the premiere of a newly commissioned ballet by Gioconda Barbuto, as well as works by Brian Macdonald, Brydon Paige and David LaHay. Tickets range from \$10 - \$38. Visitors can watch an **Open Rehearsal** at 1:30pm on Saturday and on Sunday at 9:30am, David LaHay leads a **Master Class** (Cost: \$25).

Choral music was the heart and soul of Water's Edge the first year, and it returns on Friday, February 25 at Coastal Sound Music Academy's **Children's Choir Workshop & Day of Singing**. The all-day event is dedicated to mentoring children in choir and voice. Award-winning conductor/educator **Carrie Tennant** leads the workshops. Further info and registration on the web. The children perform on stage at 7pm. Tickets are \$10.

Water's Edge wouldn't be the same without the Great Canadian Guitar Jam, Milton Randall's drum circle and the popular S.O.N.G. café. New additions include a contemporary dance exploration workshop and three unique studio art samplers.

For ALL details, a full schedule of events, times and tickets to the main stage events visit www.watersedgemusic.ca. Follow us on Twitter: @WatersEdgeFest and check Facebook for updates and hot news. Celebrate the unique spirit of this community. Come get your feet wet, dive in, play on... Water's Edge Festival is where the ARTS meet you!

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