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Water's Edge complete concert & event lineup announced March 19 – 21, 2010

COQUITLAM, BC – Coastal Sound Music Academy and Evergreen Cultural Centre, co-producers of the 2nd annual **Water's Edge Festival** presented with Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad are pleased to announce the full line up of top notch concerts, workshops and special events taking place March 19 to 21, 2010.

Water's Edge is the only Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad event happening in the city of Coquitlam, offering residents something to celebrate – right in their backyard!

Water's Edge Artist Director, Diana Clark can't contain her excitement. "The patriotic excitement and buzz all around us is truly remarkable, inspiring and energizing. Water's Edge Festival will bring all of this Olympic spirit to our "home ice" right here at Evergreen Cultural Centre! We are thrilled."

Three main stage concerts headline Water's Edge: the internationally renowned **Elektra Women's Choir**, elite vocal ensemble **musica intima**, and Juno-award winning musician/composer **Brad Turner** with a new work for jazz septet and children's voices commissioned specifically for Water's Edge. The main stage concerts will also include guest performances by the a cappella group, **Night Street**, the 65-voice **Coastal Sound Youth Choir** and over 75 children from Coastal Sound Music Academy.

Rounding out the weekend will be more concerts, workshops and fun-filled family activities happening throughout Evergreen starting with an unusual piano showdown between local pianists/composers **George Chung** and **Vincent Lo**, an all-Canadian **Guitar Jam** that is sure to attract players of all skill levels, a concert-in-the-round provided by the **Coastal Sound Children's Choir**, a drum circle led by hand-drummer extraordinaire **Milton Randall**, a full-on Gospel experience workshop with **Brian Tate** and an interdisciplinary performance with painting, poetry and song.

The free **Singer/Songwriter Cafe** sponsored by the School Alliance for Student Songwriters (SASS) will run both days and will be a hotbed for emerging and established artists. Musical hosts **David Anthony** and **Jeff Huggins** will move things along and a guest appearance by Port Coquitlam native **David Blair** (fresh from his gig at the Olympic Village) is scheduled for Sun March 21.

In honour of the Cultural Olympiad, little ones from babies to 6 years will be able to tumble, sing and dance at **Music & Song Play** or try their hand at some weird and worldly instruments at the **Instrument Petting Zoo**.

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If art is your thing, there will be several drop-in workshops available: lantern-making (in preparation for the parade Sat evening) led by **Liz Summerfield**, artist trading cards with visual artist **Bill Thomson** and a lively Play with Clay workshop hosted by members of the **Fraser Valley Potters' Guild (FVPG)**.

In the Art Gallery, the FVPG's showcase exhibition CLAY 2010, will offer the best in ceramic works by its members. Admission to the gallery is free.

And if all this doesn't tweak your interest, come down to meet Quatchi, Miga and Sumi, sure to be one of their final appearances! Check the web for times.

There is something for everyone to enjoy at **Water's Edge**. Tickets are now on sale and won't break the bank. Mainstage tickets are \$20/\$18, \$25/\$20 at the door. A festival gate pass for all other activities is \$10 and children under 10 accompanied with a paying adult are free. A limited number of EdgePasses are available for \$50 (provides entry into all 3 main stage concerts and weekend events – a savings of \$20!)

Celebrate spring and the final weekend of the Winter Paralympics, right here in the Tri-Cities. For a full schedule of events, event times and details visit www.watersedgemusic.ca or call the Box Office 604.927.6555.

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