

THE CULTCH PRESENTS THE ECO-ART AND SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

A FREE ADDITION TO ITS PRESENTATION OF A FEW LITTLE DROPS: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF WATER

If we consider that a drop of water holds the chemical resource for life, then a glass of water must surely hold a thousand stories. Is it possible to distill this vast and potent subject matter and bring a few little drops of it to the stage? That is exactly what Volcano Theatre Company of Swansea, Wales, is doing with its site-specific production *A Few Little Drops: The Extraordinary Life of Water*, presented by The Cultch on the field of **Britannia Secondary School** (William Street at Woodland Drive, Vancouver), **September 25-28, 2008**. As part of this extraordinary event, **The Cultch's Eco-Art and Science Symposium** invites artists and scientists to come together to explore the issues and inspiration of water. Symposium events are free and take place **September 27 and 28, 2008**.

Saturday, September 27th, 2008:

1-2pm—Opening Procession, Commercial and Napier to the Britannia Field
Featuring Mortal Coil Performance Society and Too Big To Care Marching Band

2:10-2:55pm—Keynote Address, Beth Carruthers

Beth Carruthers' research, writings, collaborative art practice and lectures have earned her an international reputation as an expert on the role of the arts in bettering human-world relations. She is the author of a UNESCO commissioned report on arts-science collaboration, and her Art As Ecology courses are currently offered through Continuing Studies at Emily Carr University. For additional information, please see www.bethcarruthers.com

4-5:20pm—The Practice of Eco-Poetics: Readings and conversation with Canada's leading environmental writers.

Featuring poets **Tim Lilburn**, **Elizabeth Philips**, and **Maureen Scott Harris**

5:30-6:50pm—Cultural Responses to Environmental Issues: A multi-disciplinary panel discussion

Featuring **Vincent Ho**, composer in residence at The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, **Kendra Fanconi**, co-artistic director of The Only Animal Theatre, author/biologist **Ann Eriksson**, and more.

8-9pm—Commissioned installations by local artists

The **Tigermilk Collective** and visual artist **Shannon Harvey** explore regional water issues with specially commissioned installations.

Sunday, September 28th, 2008

12-12:50pm—World River Day Panel

September 28th is World Rivers Day: Help us celebrate with an informative panel about the state of our local waterways.

1-2:20pm—Best Practices in Marine Conservation

How three leading environmental organizations are working together to protect our waterways.
Featuring the David Suzuki Foundation

2:30-4pm—The Stanley Park Environmental Art Project

Five visual artists discuss their ephemeral work and semi-permanent contributions to the landscape of Stanley Park. Featuring **John Hemsworth**, **Tania Willard**, **Shirley Wiebe**, **Cease Wyss** and **Davide Pan**.

Ongoing—Creative Documentation

newworld theatre's **Adrienne Wong** will be on-site with a team of artists documenting the happenings of the symposium.

PLUS- Food, arts and crafts for the kids, a bottled/tap water taste test by **Check Your Head**, info booths, and a dunk tank where you can **soak The Cultch staff**.

Please check for updates at www.thecultch.com. Program is subject to change.



A FEW LITTLE DROPS: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF WATER

Sep 25-26 @ 7 & 9 pm | **Sep 27** @ 1, 3, 7 & 9 pm | **Sep 28** @ 1 & 3 pm

Britannia Secondary School field, William St. at Woodland Dr., Vancouver

TICKETS: Adults (+s/c): Advance \$26; at door \$30

Students/Seniors (+s/c): Advance \$22; at door \$26

Kids (+s/c): Advance \$9; at door \$11

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