

Listing of Performers (Alphabetical) for Sechelt's 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Community Celebration

Arbutus Sounds

Arbutus Sounds Chorus is a charter member of Sweet Adeline's International, a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony. We have 23 members from Langdale to Halfmoon Bay, ranging in age from 14 to 70+, from a wide variety of backgrounds and vocal experience. The chorus performs in the community throughout the year at various events and competitions, and at seniors/nursing homes. We also travel to Sweet Adeline's regional (Region 26 comprises the three western provinces) or international competitions. We last competed in April, 2008 at Surrey, B.C. The next Regional competition we will be attending will be April, 2011 in Calgary. Until then, we will be preparing for our first upcoming show in March, 2010 in Gibsons at the Heritage Playhouse Theatre.

"Canadian Medley"

Coast String Fiddlers

The Coast String Fiddler Association is a non-profit group committed to promote the understanding and learning of traditional fiddle music through the support of fiddle instruction and holds a music camp the Sunshine Coast School of Celtic Music each July in Roberts Creek. Founded in 1993 by Michelle Bruce, the Coast String Fiddlers, with the support of our community, has provided opportunity to expose children ages 5 to 18 to all aspects of music including listening, learning, playing, performing, volunteering, fundraising, traveling, recording, dancing and singing. The group has enjoyed such adventures as trips to Iqaluit, Washington, Scotland, Belgium and all around British Columbia. With hundreds of performances and two CD's to their credit, the children who are the Coast String Fiddlers have a sense of confidence and accomplishment. They routinely play at community events and have delighted many audiences with their international mix of traditional fiddle music including Scottish, Irish, Appalachian, Finnish and of course, Canadian tunes from East Coast to West Coast.

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Traditional set of tunes beginning with "D'eil Amongst the Tailors" followed by "Staten Island" and ending with "Miss Mcleod's Reel"

Definitely Diva

Definitely Diva, Lynne Dickson, Wendy Hibberd and Patrice Pollack are all accomplished vocalists who came together in 2005 for a one time only project. They explain that the crowd went wild, and as they are all addicted to applause and adoration they decided to continue working together. These three share a passion for music, humour and love to make their audience laugh. They have combined their individual styles and together they deliver tight vocal harmonies and a high energy performance. Definitely Diva will be performing a medley of three songs arranged by them especially for the Torch Relay Celebration.

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EmEvol

Jake Downie and Doug Mercer began playing acoustic rock guitar together 2 years ago. Our first show was on the Chatelech Showcase. We both play guitar and sing, our genre is a mix between acoustic rock and trendy acoustic. Doug is 18 and a graduate at Georges P. Vanier while Jake is in grade 10 and 15 years old at Chatelech Secondary School. "We play because we love to. Its all fun and games! Enjoy life while you can!"

Gaetan Bergevin

Gaetan Bergevin – popular singer and guitarist here on the Sunshine Coast, has just completed his first CD, "Let It Go". Born of a Scottish/Irish mum and a Quebecois dad, Gaetan got his first guitar when he was still a very young lad. Fast forward about 25 years and about 2,500 miles and here we are celebrating the Olympic Torch Relay in Sechelt. "Let It Go", brings out the protective parent in Gaetan as he tells us about the project he has been nurturing for more than four years and it is easy to understand that it has been a challenge for him to learn to "Let It Go". You have probably heard Gaetan play somewhere on the Coast, either solo, or accompanying other artists or appearing with bands such as his own "Gaetan and the French Connection".

Joe Stanton

Joe's philosophy of "playing wherever they'll listen" has taken him on a 30 year journey from his home on the Canadian West coast, with stops for a concert in a hot air balloon over the Swiss Alps, to the Kerrville Texas Folk festival, and the world fingerpicking championships in Winfield Kansas. Joe will be performing with old friends and band mates, Gerry Millar on Bass, and Simon Paradis on guitar. The Sechelt Olympic torch relay celebration will mark Simon's return to public performances since his spinal cord injury in 2008.

"Make me proud"

Performance for Ice Gate

Sunshine Coast artist Gordon Halloran is creating "Ice Gate", a megalithic ice art installation, for the "O Zone" in Richmond during the 2010 Winter Games. Halloran has created "Paintings Below Zero" for the Winter Games in Torino, as well as for events in Toronto and Chicago. Keen to connect the Sunshine Coast to this remarkable project, Halloran has assembled a team of choreographers (Gerardo Avila, Maggie Guzzi, Jean Pierre Makosso and Brittany Robertson) to work with Sunshine Coast volunteers to create a dance based piece to celebrate the Ice Gate. The performance at the Sechelt Community Celebration for the Olympic Torch is a preview of the gala opening that will launch the Ice Gate in the O Zone on February 9th.

Sechelt Elementary School Choir

Elphinstone Secondary School Jazz Band

Elphinstone Secondary is a grade 8-12 high school in beautiful Gibsons, BC. The music program at Elphinstone has 85 students enrolled in three concert band ensembles grades 8 through 12. The Elphie Jazz Band draws from these ensembles and is made up of students aged 13-18. This hard-working group of talented young musicians is making a name for itself in the community. Last June, they closed the Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival with a performance that rocked the crowd. The group is delighted to be invited to be part of the ceremony today. Tomorrow evening, this band will open the BC Ferries Festival of Winds with a concert at the Heritage Playhouse in Gibsons. This is the band's second year under the direction of music teacher, Tom Kellough. Today the Elphi Jazz Band will perform a Latin tune by Matt Harris called "Cappuccino Freeway". Soloists featured are Henry Wood on tenor sax and Oliver Telfer on alto sax.

The Mellowtones

A vocal jazz group of 8 women and 4 men, The Mellowtones have been together since 1998 singing at jazz festivals and charity benefits. The group has also appeared at Christmas show at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre and the Vocal Jazz Summit in Powell River four times under the direction of Mikki Weber. The Mellowtones are delighted to be chosen to represent the Sunshine Coast at the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Sechelt, and will be singing the Torch anthem "There's the Light", composed by Gregory Charles especially for the Olympic Torch Relay. The composition honours Canada's unique nature and its bilingual heritage united in celebrating the Olympic Spirit.