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**Lulu Performing Arts Presents:
The Elements: A Festival of Nature in Performance**

August 20th to August 23rd, 2008, Gabriola Island, British Columbia

Lulu Performing Arts Society of Gabriola Island presents The Elements: A Festival of Nature in Performance, on Gabriola Island, BC. We invite you to explore the natural and human made elements that make up a unique Gulf Island community through sound, dance and movement, poetry and prose, new media, and visual art.

The festival offers residents and visitors lots to see and do. First, five internationally recognized sound, and media artists will unveil commissions they've done especially for Gabriola. Thanks to the Arts Partners in Creative Development program, Lulu is pleased to be able to present new work by Darren Copeland, Andreas Kahre, Kathy Kennedy, Gordon Monahan, and Chris Welsby (two artists are from Gabriola!). Their installations use technology to create poetic interactions with our natural world (sneak preview: Tune into the sound of fish on your car radio; discover hidden sonic treasures deep in the forest; experience a water driven audio installation; gaze at a portrait of Sylva Bay and see something you might have missed!). Come meet the artists at their openings and at the artist panel discussions.

We also have a full four-day program of workshops, soundwalks, and community performances. Please visit to see what all is in store, but highlights include an intergenerational workshop making floating lanterns and learning birdsongs, a homemade gamelan performance on the beach, a celebration of the elemental body, and a performance by the G.I.R.Orchestra Recycled Sound Consort!

All and all, this one-of-a-kind festival will showcase art projects that embrace the entire Gabriola community—human and non-human—in an exploration that transforms the familiar into the extraordinary. Imagine a 'terrestrial symposium' that will create a dialogue between the technologies we encounter and the environment we inhabit, and will celebrate some of the elemental "stuff" of community life on Gabriola Island. We are grateful to the Gabriola Commons (festival central), and the many artists, sponsors and volunteers of all ages who are part of the fun.

- Festival passes go on sale Monday, July 14th, and can be purchased on-line at www.elementsfestival.ca. Passes allow admission into all festival workshops and events and come with a few special bonuses.
- Family/Group passes (up to 2 adults and 3 children) \$50. Individual passes \$30. Youth passes \$10.
- Want to help? Volunteer 4 hours and receive half off a festival pass. Volunteer 8 hours and enjoy the festival for free! To sign up please call our volunteer coordinator Jenni Gehlbach at 250-247-7858.
- For more information please contact Festival Director Leah Hokanson at 250-247-9854, or by e-mail at info@elementsfestival.ca, or visit www.elementsfestival.ca