

Welcome to “Wildwood Productions Benefit Concert Series”. (Jake ‘n Friends)

2012 was the centennial of my folk hero Woody Guthrie (This Land is Your Land and many more) and I could not let it pass unnoticed. I thought it would be cool to do a concert that would feature his songs and some information about his adventuresome life. Word got out and soon we had show produced. It was a lot of fun, everyone fully enjoyed it and we raised \$1600 for the food banks.

In 2014 we did a concert featuring the great Broadway show tunes and raised \$3000 to paint the Shuswap Theatre building. In 2015 we struck again and this time raised \$3600 to go towards the proposed Shuswap Performing Arts Centre.

In 2015 the gang put on a tribute to legendary Canadian Leonard Cohen. This concert raised over \$4000 to go to the proposed Shuswap Performing Arts Centre.

In 2016 it was a fundraiser for the local SPCA, a show called “Anything Animals” and included songs and skits about all sorts of animals. \$2000 was raised.

In 2017 it was, “Canada, coast to coast to coast thru music”. A celebration of Canada. Funds from this production went to the “Wildwood Productions Legacy Fund” to insure independent financing for future concerts. \$1400 was raised.

In 2018, we will present a Tribute to Joni Mitchell, a fundraiser for the Salmon Arm Safe House.

In 2019 it will be the Pete Seeger Centennial concert.

The shows consist of about 30 people, vocalists, instrumentalists and production people volunteering their time and ideas to pull together these incredible shows. It is pay what you can at the door so no one is left out. The performers do not have to audition, just come with a song and have a good time. We do not have a pre-set play list as each performer brings a song they like and then produce it the way they choose. It is a very creative process with lots of interplay between vocalist and the band.

We have solo performers, small groups and the entire cast doing songs along with a narrator. There maybe some skits and other surprises. Many of the songs have the words projected on the back stage wall so the audience can sing along.

If you want to join us, contact me at 250-832-2300.
Your Instigator and Producer, Jake