

Welcome to “Wildwood Productions Benefit Concert Series”. (Jake and 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 the gang put on a tribute to legendary Canadian Leonard Cohen. This concert raised \$3600 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. A special concert was presented at Carlin Hall that raised \$800 for the people whose homes were destroyed in the Sunnybrae mudslides.

In 2018, we presented a Tribute to Joni Mitchell, a fundraiser for the Salmon Arm Safe House. \$1200 was donated to them. We did an encore performance for the Haney house and raised an additional \$2000 for them.

In 2019 it was the Pete Seeger Centennial concert. We raise over \$3000 to go to the efforts to bring a multi-functional performing arts centre to the Shuswap.

In 2020 we are going to remount the Pete Seeger Centennial concert due to the fact that we had to turn many people away for two of the three 2019 performances!

In 2021 we plan on doing a fund-raiser for the Salmon Arm Hospice Society. The concert will be called, “Death, the musical”. A musical look at death from all angles.

To date we have contributed \$20,00 to community projects.

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