

COMMUNITY

'Alhk'ikh Ts'edilh: Walking Together

Summer series of community celebrations and performances

With a theme of coming together, the Bulkley Valley Concert Association last week announced 'Alhk'ikh Ts' dilh: Walking Together, a series of three community-building performances in 2017: Dancing Together, Celebrating Together, and Growing Together.

All visiting artists will also offer workshops ranging from song-writing to dance, building capacity in our community.

"Our project is shaped by our conversations with community and a shared belief that we build a strong community in the doing together," said BVCA artistic director Miriam Colvin.

"Our goal is to bring the diverse communities of Smithers and the Bulkley Valley together to actively participate in learning, drumming, dancing, creating and celebrating who we are



Pictured (left to right) are Meghan Brady: lead coordinator, Molly Wickham: community engagement facilitator, Birdy Markert: co-chair of Bridging Committee, Miriam Colvin: artistic director, River Wilde: lead coordinator, Shelley Browne: constituency assistant with Nathan Cullen.

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in 2017."

Birdy Markert, Bridging Committee co-chair said, "It is just so exciting to use the rhythm of music, song and dance to bring people from many cultures together in celebration. Come out and sing and dance at our festival; or just come and witness togetherness."

The BVCA Canada 150 programming includes the following three events:

Dancing Together (June 18)

The Yukon-based Dakhká Khwáan Dancers and local Witsuwit'en group Ewk Hiyah Hozdli will share drumming and dancing on the Della Herman stage.

Celebrating Together (July 22)

Aboriginal rock, folk, country and pop artists will headline this day-long community gathering at Bovill Square in Smithers, which will

also feature a community meal.

Growing Together with Deck Fest (August 18)

Aboriginal and non-aboriginal youth musicians will be the focus of CICK Smithers Community Radio's Deck Fest stage, featuring performances and "by-youth-for-youth" workshops.

For the past 55 years, BVCA has strived to create exceptional performance series in the Bulkley Valley. The BVCA's mandate is to promote and foster an interest in the performing arts. This project has been made possible in part by the Government of Canada through Canada 150 Fund.

"These events are taking place on Witsuwit'en house territories and we are working diligently to follow proper protocols and respect the lands in which we



Ride safe this summer

Mike Dandenault, Alex Shulz and Mike Bundock of Bulkley Valley Wholesale present Denise Lodge and RCMP Const. M. Clarabut of the C.O.R.E.Y. Safe Organization with a \$500 cheque. Thousands of dollars has been raised for this Ride & Drive Safe initiative focusing on motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs. Denise also thanks Smithers RCMP Const. J. McCreesh and Chelsey of Smithers Harley Davidson for their assistance with the demonstrations at Smithers Secondary School. More information at coresafe.com.

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live, work, and play together," said community engagement facilitator Molly Wickham.

All events and workshops will be introduced in three languages: Witsuwit'en, English and French.

"Their project holds tremendous potential to strengthen the connections between diverse communities,

celebrate our remarkable region and chart a new course into the next 150 years," said Skeena-Bulkley Valley MP Nathan Cullen.

"We are creating as much access to our events as possible, so that aboriginal and non-aboriginal community members feel welcome to participate, try new things, grow in

cultural understanding and celebrate together. By bringing talent and knowledge from across Canada to Smithers, we hope our events will leave a legacy of inspiration and creative development for our community," said Colvin.

Submitted by Bulkley Valley Concert Association.

Easter

CHURCH SERVICES

2017



Mountain View Assembly
Welcomes you!

Inter-Church Good Friday - 10:30am
Easter Sunday Worship - 11am

Pastor Dave Murphy
Corner of Viewmount Rd South & Hwy 16
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CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Good Friday

April 14 at 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday

April 16 at 10 a.m.

2788 Upper Viewmount Rd.
All welcome to attend!
Contact number 250-847-5879

Pastor James Slaa
www.smitherscanrc.org

SMITHERS UNITED CHURCH

Friday, April 14

Good Friday Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday Service - 10 a.m.

Corner of Queen & 8th
sm-united@telus.net

250-847-3333



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Thursday - April 13

7:30 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 14

3 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - April 15

8 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 16

9 am Resurrection of the Lord

Pastor Rev. Pier Pandolfo (250-847-2012)

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. Jacob Worley

April 13 7:00 pm

Maunder Thursday

St. James, Smithers

April 14 10:30 am

Good Friday Ecumenical Service

Mountainview Assembly

April 16 10:00 am

Easter Sunday Eucharist

St. James Smithers

April 16 2:00 pm

Easter Sunday Eucharist

250-847-6155 • St. John the Divine (Quick)

St. Clements Houston