

**Community Concerts in the Park and the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action
(I-SEA @ www.i-sea.org)**

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I-SEA to Benefit from the First in a Series of Community Benefit Concerts

Salt Spring Island, BC - July 28, 2008 – I-SEA will be sponsoring and benefiting from a concert featuring the Australian band **Oka**. Oka has played on Salt Spring Island for the last 4 years and has been very popular. Deeply rooted in their laid back coastal lifestyle, OKA's unique, world class sound is winning them audiences all around the globe. Their huge underground following has been attributed to the OKA blend of Australian and world sounds, roots, dub, reggae, jazz and organic electronica. Woven into their hypnotic percussive chillout dancegrooves, the Yidaki's (didgeridoo's) rhythmic pulse resonates a powerful ancient and tribal heartbeat, while the woodwinds, saxophone and slide guitar dance seamlessly, inspiring and lifting one to higher ground as the music effortlessly transforms into a mystic soundscape.

Listen to their music at:

<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendID=78073906>

The event is designed to raise awareness about sustainability issues, and profits from the concert will be used by I-SEA to fund community projects such as, recycling in Centennial Park, educational workshops, internships and fun events like this to raise awareness around sustainability! I-SEA is a non-profit that has been supporting community sustainability projects for almost 5 years. Visit their website for all current and future events and projects. Contact Margery Moore, President, at 250-537-4400; check-out the website at www.i-sea.or or, email sustain@saltspring.com for more information!

Oka will be performing August 1st in the Centennial Park gazebo. The event will run from 7pm-9pm with entry by donation. I-SEA will have a table of information available with lots of items for sale to help raise money and awareness.

Event Coordinator Jacquie Harkema hopes this will be the first in a series of benefits concerts in August, but is in search of other musical acts to perform in the following weeks. The purpose of the events are two-fold; to support musicians and make music widely available to the island community, and to learn about and support local non-profit organizations.

Community Concerts in the Park is a by donation event, open to families and people of all ages.

For more information contact Jacquie Harkema (250) 537-2414.



August 1st
7-9pm

Come one come all to ***Community Concerts by the Sea!***

Who: Oka —a unique fusion of organic world sounds and electronic music

When: 7pm-9pm Friday, August 1st

Where: Centennial Park Gazebo, Ganges

Cost: Entry by donation with proceeds benefiting I-SEA

Why: Because (1) *Oka* is here all the way from Australia, (2) this concert will benefit the *Salt Spring Institute for Sustainability Education & Action*, and (3) we've all been waiting for a community dance!

