

Holly Arntzen & Kevin Wright



When Holly and Kevin sing together think **Joni Mitchell** meets **Bon Scott**. An unlikely combination, but one that bears **rich sounds**, songs, energy and a **unique** perspective.

They mix up **heart and soul** with **edge**, serious issues with humour, and most important an **addiction to music** and performing!

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"I saw Holly and Kevin for the first time. Maybe it is the way Holly closes her eyes as she sings a heartfelt ballad at the piano or dulcimer, or the expression of joy on Kevin's face as he pounds the congas during one of the group's many uptempo rockers. They perform the band's entertaining and illuminating originals as if they had just written them yesterday. Plus they have tons of onstage charisma. Songs like "Up Your Watershed" and "Creatures of Habitat" deliver a powerful environmental message with catchy addictive choruses that make you wanna sing along. Above all it is the enthusiasm and passion the group projects that really wins you over."

*Rick Dennis,
Vancouver Island Radio Personality/Reviewer*

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Holly - Vocals, dulcimer, keyboards | Kevin - Vocals, cajon, congas, percussion

The collaboration of Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright came as an unforeseen event. The two had been working alongside Holly's late husband and songwriting partner Stephen Foster, in the Artist Response Team (ART), producing radio shows and school music programs, until Stephen's untimely passing in 2005. Times immediately changed. They were thrust into a songwriting and performing partnership that reflected the pair's diverse musical backgrounds.

With over 30 years as a folk/jazz performer, Holly has appeared at most major music festivals in Canada and has shared the stage with artists such as Bruce Cockburn, Stan Rogers and Herbie Hancock. Since the mid-80s, Kevin has been a pioneering member of the Victoria rock scene performing in seminal bands such as Armoros, Turk and the Rat (Rocktoria 1 winner) and After Dark.

Their first full-length release together arrived in May 2010 - *I Am the Future*. It is a collection of edgy, anthemic and soulful songs that focus on the environment and social consciousness. Since then they have released a live album entitled *Water For Life* - the soundtrack from the recent *Water For Life* TV Special that aired on Global in June 2011 and topped the ratings in BC with a viewer reach of over 250,000. They are based on Vancouver Island and perform regularly throughout Western Canada as a duet and as the 6-piece Dream Band.

ART produces entertainment that educates about ecology and has created a library of eco-themed CDs. Holly and Kevin are the core of ART; they deliver *Voices of Nature* community outreach projects throughout BC and Alberta. Using ART's award winning *Cycle of Life* learning resources, they travel the land bringing music and science education to entire school communities. The 4-day artist-in-residence school music program culminates in fabulous theatre concerts, bringing hundreds of young singers together with The Dream Band to sing and speak out for sustainability.

