



Poet Laureate Inspires Youth Through Song at Spring Concert

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VICTORIA, BC — Linda Rogers continues to fulfill her commitment as Poet Laureate to engage in community events and will collaborate with the *Viva* Youth Choirs at a spring concert on Saturday, April 17, 2011.

Sea to Sea features the première of two pieces by *Viva* Youth Choir Artistic Director Nicholas Fairbank and accompanist David Archer, set to the poetry of Victoria's Poet Laureate, Linda Rogers.

"Music is the perfect medium to bring my latest work to life. I have several song writing partners and I really enjoy the shift to lyrics and the thrill of hearing the words come to life," said Linda Rogers. "I also love working with children. Their creativity is our future."

The *Sea to Sea* concert will take place on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Church, located at 3703 St. Aidan's Street in Victoria.

"*Viva* focuses on musical education and on enriching the lives of singers, their families and the community. We see our collaboration with Linda as a natural extension of this approach," said *Viva* Youth Choir Director Nicholas Fairbank.

Viva's events in 2010 have included appearances in several Victoria area schools, a performance with the Naden Band at the Paralympic Torch Ceremonies in Esquimalt, and their season concludes with the *Sea to Sea* spring concert on April 17.

The role of Victoria's Poet Laureate is to raise awareness of the literary arts and the positive impact literature and poetry can have on a community. Linda Rogers is the City of Victoria's second Poet Laureate and serves as the municipality's literary and cultural ambassador for a three-year term ending November 30, 2011.

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