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The Thunder Bay Museum hosting *Canadian Soundscapes: Our Changing Acoustic Environment*

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society is pleased to share a partnership between The Thunder Bay Museum and the Thunder Bay Conservatory of Music in putting on a concert titled: *Canadian Soundscapes: Our Changing Acoustic Environment*. This concert was developed in commemoration of World Listening Day, founded to celebrate Canadian environmentalist and composer Raymond Murray Schafer. Half concert, half educational lecture, this celebration will be sure to delight lovers of music, Canadian history, and environmentalism.

Schafer is widely known as the founder of acoustic ecology, a field which studies our natural environment through sound.

A string quartet will be performing two of Schafer's works:

String Quartet No. 2 ("Waves"), 1976. Inspired by his research through his [World Soundscape Project](#) at Simon Fraser University, "Waves" is a musical interpretation of Schafer's field recordings of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans at both Canadian coasts from the late 1960s to the mid-70s.

String Quartet No. 10 ("Winter Birds"), 2005. This is a depiction of the nature and wildlife soundscape during the early 2000s around Schafer's own farm near Indian River, Ontario.

The evening will also include a multimedia lecture by biologist George Holborn about his work for the Ministry of Natural Resources, recording and monitoring birds and other wildlife over several decades in the boreal forests through Northwestern Ontario.

Refreshments will be provided at intermission, and as an added "acoustic refreshment," Holborn, also an accomplished baritone soloist, will be interpreting Samuel Barber's "Dover Beach" for voice and string quartet.

Artists:

- George Holborn, lecturer, vocalist, and narrator
- Thomas Cosbey and Michelle Zapf-Belanger, violins
- Natalie Friesen, viola
- Bryce Penny, cello

Thanks to the [Ontario Arts Council](#) for support of this fascinating look into our changing Canadian natural environments.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://thunderbaymuseum1.wildapricot.org/Member-Events>

There are **2 dates available** to attend this concert **17 and 18 July**. Note: 18 July is Raymond Murray Schafer's birthday.

Tickets - \$30 each or \$25 each for Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society Members. Admission to the Museum is included with the ticket purchase.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the artists and performers as well as support future programs like this.

For more information about the Thunder Bay Museum and its programs, please visit: <https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com>

For more information about the Thunder Bay Conservatory of Music and its programs, please visit: <https://tbmusic.ca/>

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