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SONGS FROM OUR NATIONS VOL. 3 NOW AVAILABLE

The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre (SLCC) is proud to launch the third volume of Songs From Our Nations, a compilation of twelve traditional songs recorded by SLCC Cultural Ambassadors. Building on the success of Songs From Our Nations Volumes 1 and 2, this project fostered Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim (Squamish language) and Ucwalmícwts (Lil'wat language) reclamation efforts, further connecting Ambassadors to their cultures.

The objective of this project was to record traditional songs in Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim and Ucwalmícwts. While a compilation of songs was this project's destiny, the journey enlightened Cultural Ambassadors about the healing that music can provide. Project mentors lead the singers and drummers in honing their techniques to maintain proper etiquette and format of each song. In the process, Cultural Ambassadors learnt more about their respective languages and the spiritual connection these songs have to their cultures.



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“I enjoyed learning, and growing through the songs that are on this CD,” shares Tēc Georgina Dan, Lil’wat Nation, “I am truly honoured to do so with those that have worked so hard throughout the entire process. It was challenging to bring something I know traditionally into the modern world.”

Songs From Our Nations Volume 3 was co-produced by Kúkwpi7 Gélpcał Chief Ashley Joseph of the Lil’wat Nation, and Chiaxst’n Wesley Nahanee, of the Squamish Nation. We give thanks to them and to the knowledge keepers who supported this project from both Nations. Gratefully, we acknowledge the permission to sing and record these songs that have been given to us by each song’s keeper. This project was made possible by a grant from Canada Council for the Arts.

CD’s of Songs From Our Nations Volume 3 are now available for purchase at shop.slcc.ca.

About Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre (SLCC)

Spo7ez Cultural Centre and Community Society is a registered Canadian charity and the first centre of its kind in Canada. The Squamish and Lil’wat Nations came together to celebrate and share our cultures with the world while creating meaningful employment opportunities for members of both nations. By sharing where we are from and where we are going, our visitors acquire a greater understanding of our Nations and the shared territories that Whistler resides upon. www.slcc.ca



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