

*“The conservation of waters, forests, soils, and wildlife are all involved with the conservation of the human spirit.”*

*--Sigurd F. Olson*



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For additional information on being a sponsor, please contact:

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This event is being dedicated to

Len and Bethel Anderson

and their life-long devotion to protecting the St. Louis River.

*A Concert Celebrating  
The 50th Anniversary of Earth Day  
A musical celebration recognizing  
Our environmental heroes*

# SONG *for the* WILD

*The words of Sigurd Olson and others  
Put to music by Warren Nelson*

**April 18, 2020 3:00pm and 7:30pm**  
Lincoln Park Middle School 3215 W 3rd Street Duluth

**Presented by  
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## *Song for The Wild*

### **A Concert Celebrating The 50th Anniversary of Earth Day**

*Song for The Wild* is songwriter/producer Warren Nelson's latest creation, a multi-media concert celebrating the legacy of **Sigurd Olson**, one of America's greatest conservationists of the twentieth century. The first half of the show features the writings of Olson, put to song by Nelson and back-dropped by projected photos of him and his beloved outdoors.

Nelson says, "As everyone in the Northland knows, Sigurd Olson was one of the great voices of the 20th century for saving wilderness areas and wild places. He was a principal savior of the *Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness*, and his voice carries on to the following generations. I have put his lyrical prose to song, and it's amazing how his words easily fit to melody." Many of the historic and contemporary photographs were gathered from the Listening Point Foundation archives at the Olson home in Ely.

The second half of the show features original songs by Nelson, which sing of wildlife and the environment. Also included are tributes to:

**Gaylord Nelson**, Wisconsin's Senator, the founder of *Earth Day*;

**Rachel Carson**, scientist and author of *Silent Spring*;

**Willard Munger**, local conservation hero;

and other well-known twentieth century conservationists such as

**John Muir** "Father of the National Parks" and

**Aldo Leopold**, ecologist, environmentalist and the father of the *Wilderness Society*.

The *Song For The Wild* musical ensemble includes Nelson on guitar, Randy Sabien on violin and piano, Ed Willett on cello, Jane Aleckson on bass and Kevin Soulier on vocals.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Youth Activities**

suggested ages 10-25 years

The McCabe Ikes are working with the University of Minnesota Duluth, Lake Superior College, St. Scholastica, University of Wisconsin Superior, Northland College (Ashland), Fond du Lac Community College, Independent School District 709 of Duluth, Hermantown and Proctor School Districts, as well as private schools in the Duluth vicinity, to engage and educate youth, and inspire them as the next generation of stewards to the Earth.

We will be joined by Joseph Goldstein of Springfield, Illinois, now a college student at Middlebury College in Vermont. Joseph is a cancer survivor, and founder of "Kids for the Boundary Waters". Last fall, Joseph was awarded the 2019 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes (Barron Foundation awards 25 prizes nationally each year).

Other supporting conservation and environmental organizations are being invited to have display tables in the commons area of Lincoln Park School, for attendees to visit prior to and after the musical programs. The commons area provides a magnificent and inspiring view of the St. Louis River estuary. There will also be educational displays that feature a number of the heroes of Earth Day and their contributions to protecting our environment.

While our goal is to recognize past "heroes," we want very much to "shout-out" that there are new heroes among our youth, some amazingly wise and dedicated heroes. Joseph is but one incredible example! Leading up to the showings of *Song for the Wild*, there will be a student-lead discussion where youth can meet and learn from Joseph and other local young heroes. The theme for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day is "Climate Action".

Ticket Prices: \$20 for adults and \$10 for students including college