

THEME:	Water Stewardship & Community Connections
SCOPE & SEQUENCE UNIT:	Voices of Nature Sing
OBJECTIVE:	Finding voice
ACTIVITY:	Sing for Rain

Notes:	In-class activity, whole school activity
Teacher Prep.:	BC only program Register for the Voices of Nature School Music Program artistresponse@shaw.ca
Time:	year-long, one week intensive culminating in a concert

Skills:

- ◆ Collaboration, teamwork, leadership
- ◆ Writing and oral language
- ◆ Ecological literacy
- ◆ Life and career planning

Objectives:

- ◆ To sing out about water
- ◆ To use music to educate about local ecology
- ◆ To perform and showcase the learning

Background Information:

Voices of Nature is an integrated, cross-curricular, project-based school music program. Artist Response Team provides customized rehearsal CDs for the students to learn songs over 6-12 weeks. Musicians Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright then conduct an intensive 4-day Artist in Residency to rehearse with all classes. Students write about issues raised in the songs they are singing, and what they believe the change could look like. The pivotal piece is an energized musical evening with all students fully engaged in a full school choir, student presentations of their writings, and the audience on the edge of their seats.

Materials:

See the website for costs of the program

Resources – BC Specific:

Artist Response Team – Voices of Nature School Music Program

<http://www.artistresponseteam.com/voices-of-nature/school-music-programs/>

Salish Sea, A Handbook for Educators,

by Holly Arntzen, Daphne Macnaughton, Briony Penn, Gloria Snively

<http://www.artistresponseteam.com/handbooks/>

This curriculum guide about the Salish Sea has songs, background information and activities.