New Denver, B.C. – Dana Lyons, singer-songwriter extraordinaire, will give a concert in Nelson to benefit rainforests on Thursday Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. (St. Saviour's Anglican Church, 723 Ward St.). Dana achieved international acclaim with his hit song "Cows With Guns," wherein a militant cow stirs his fellow bovines to take up arms and revolt against their fate as burgers-in-waiting. Between the atrocious puns and the knee-slapping satire, "Cows With Guns" acquired cult status and made it to the top 40 charts in Ireland, Australia, and Seattle.

Dana has been called a modern day Pete Seeger and the minstrel of the environmental movement. He's written witty and humorous songs about riding lawnmowers and RVs. He gets crossover radio play on rock, alternative, country, community, college and oldies radio stations worldwide. Among his nine CDs are "Circle the World: Songs and Stories" with Dr. Jane Goodall: a blend of Jane Goodall telling stories of working for peace and environmental justice and Dana’s beautiful ballads. Dana performs often for Dr. Goodall's youth activist program, Roots and Shoots.

Dana has toured in 46 of the 50 American states, around the East Coast of Australia and across Ireland, England, New Zealand, Mexico, Kazakhstan and Siberia. Dana has shared the stage with such musical luminaries as Willie Nelson, Neil Young, Dave Matthews, John Mellencamp, Steve Earle, Lucinda Williams, Pete Sears of Jefferson Starship, Stephen Stills, River Phoenix, Nickel Creek, Country Joe McDonald, Utah Phillips and John Trudell.

To round out the evening of comedic tunes, ballads and love songs, brief presentations about rainforests will be made by the World Temperate Rainforest Network and the Valhalla Wilderness Society. VWS will talk about the only inland temperate rainforest on Earth – right here in southeastern B.C.

Tickets are $10 at the door.

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