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### **Merritt's Music in the City 2010**

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Merritt's Music in the City 2010 program offered a colorful evening of entertainment last week with The Colorfics from North Vancouver. The music fans risked the intense heat and found shade where they could, while children were like magnets to the new water fountain at the Spirit Square. The show was filled with gypsy jazz style fun, infused with an exciting flare of bohemian-cabaret and originally-spun tributes to the dirty 30's, 40's jazz, and 60's surf and Beatles pop era.

This week's show will feature the Coquihalla Coyotes, a local traditional rock 'n' roll band. Coquihalla Coyotes features John Henry Ramsey who first started playing guitar at the age of 8 years old, mostly self taught. John Henry enjoys playing lead guitar, acoustic and 12 string guitar, as well as drums. If you have ever seen John Henry on guitar we know you will be at the show to see him once again. If you haven't seen this local youth play guitar you won't want to miss this show. Band member Paul Thomson has been playing music since the age of six. He has played in various bands since the mid '80's and enjoys performing classic rock type of music and acoustic unplugged style.

Music in the City is a community partnership project brought to you by Sunrise Rotary, Rotary Club of Merritt, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, Community of Futures Nicola Valley, Black's Pharmacy, Merritt Herald, Q101, Shaw TV, Merritt Morning Market, Merritt Printing, Merritt Walk of Stars, Second Ave. Signs and Merritt Home Hardware.

Music in the City is running Thursdays in July and August from 6:00pm – 8:00pm @ Merritt Spirit Square. On August 26<sup>th</sup> there will be an Elvis Tribute show at Rotary Park. Merritt can look forward to entertainment covering the musical genres. Music in the City performances will include Valdy, AJ Woodworth, The Matinee, Art Puce, Coquihalla Coyotes and many more.

Local performers are encouraged to join the stage to showcase their talent. Artisans and crafters are welcome to join Music in the City with displays and booths. Local groups promoting their activities, registrations and fundraising efforts are also invited. Music in the City vendors this week include Brambles Bakery, Friendly Giant Furniture, Kindermusic and a Literacy Merritt book exchange.

Music in the City is a community partnership project working to promote local and BC artists, build community and encourage families and visitors to enjoy the music and culture of Merritt and the Nicola Valley.

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