

RELEASE--GUELPH MUSICIANS BATTLE WAL-MART WITH CD & CONCERT

NEWS RELEASE--Residents for Sustainable Development (RSD)

Guelph musicians unite for a new CD release and concert to raise funds in the battle against Wal-Mart.

GUELPH, ON, Canada, July 1, 2005--The world's biggest corporation is trying to build a 135,000 sq. ft. mega store in Guelph between two historic cemeteries and the century-old Ignatius Jesuit retreat centre and organic farm. Wal-Mart's ten-year legal siege has cost taxpayers and supporters over \$1,000,000.00. With an August appeal looming, Guelph musicians have united to raise funds for an August appeal with a new protest CD and benefit concert on July 14 (Bastille Day).

The NOT THERE Benefit Concert features performances by Juno Award winner Stephen Fearing and recording artists James Gordon, Tannis Slimmon, Lewis Melville, Sam Turton Band, Dave Teichroeb and the Plaster Cowboys, Andrew McPherson, Ken Brown, Jesse Stewart, and Well Charged.

The NOT THERE CD is a concept album of relevant songs by 14 different artists. In the spirit of "Tears Are Not Enough," and "We Are the World," the title track (a tale of townspeople standing up to an invader) is the work of 17 musicians, including 12 different recording artists trading vocals.

"This is music by the people, for the people--to protect our sacred spaces and our community," states producer and title songwriter Sam Turton. "Thousands here reject Wal-Mart's bullying, and this music is our voice."

NOT THERE features songs by Ken Brown, Nonie Crete, James Gordon, Sandy Horne, House of Velvet, Jiwani, Norman Liota, Andrew McPherson, Passenger, Tannis Slimmon, Jesse Stewart, Dave Teichroeb and the Plaster Cowboys, Sam Turton Band, and Well Charged.

All proceeds go to Residents for Sustainable Development in Guelph (RSD), the only official opposition to Wal-Mart at the hearings.

NOT THERE Benefit Concert & CD Release

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005

Chalmers United Church

50 Quebec Street , Guelph, Ontario

7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15 advance, \$20 at the door, available on-line, and in Guelph at Thomas Entertainment, The Bookshelf, and Music in Orbit.

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