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**SAT., SEPT. 24, 2016**

**7 PM - 9 PM | FREE**

Kelowna Art Gallery

1315 Water St.

**International Rivers Day program**

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# WATER VOICES

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*International Rivers Day* cultural program

A syilx woman and a settler woman share stories about the watersheds where they grew up, on opposite sides of the same mountain. **Suiki?st (Pauline Terbasket)** was raised on a reservation amid her family's traditional territory in the Lower Similkameen Valley, at the base of Fairview Mountain. At the same time, **Teresa Marshall** and her family settled on an old mining ghost town site on the Okanagan Valley side.

*WaterVoices* celebrates the water and land as the frames and transmitters of our memories, in a transformative narrative process inviting indigenous and settler perspectives. The evening program includes a welcome by West-bank First Nation elder **Grouse Barnes**, songs by **Csetkwe Fortier** and interactive audience exchanges. This is a special presentation of the *Social Life of Water in the Okanagan Valley* exhibition and the *Columbia River Watershed Storytelling Project*, with the generous support of Kelowna Art Gallery.

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The *Columbia River Watershed Storytelling Project* supports the sharing of community stories and dialogue among neighbours to deepen local knowledge and strengthen bio-regional alliances. Partners in events to date include Okanagan Nation Alliance, UBC Okanagan—Eco Art Incubator, Columbia Basin Transboundary Youth Network, IndigenEYEZ, Watermark and Okanagan Regional Library.