

Healing Our World 2014 Conference Benefit Concert

Friday evening, February 21, 2014 from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Featuring Shyla Nelson, in a program of operatic and classical songs and arias in celebration of the Earth, in keeping with the themes of the Conference.

Shyla Nelson is an acclaimed classical soprano, trained at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, the MET, and Washington National Opera. She specializes in early, bel canto, and orchestral repertoire, including principle roles in the operas of Händel, Mozart, and Donizetti, as well as orchestral and oratorio works of Bach, Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Mahler. Heralded by critics as a soprano of "consummate artistry and vocal grace," her concert and operatic appearances have delighted audiences across the US and abroad. In recent years her work has extended into earth-focused crossover projects, including collaboration with 7-time Grammy-Award-winning world musician Paul Winter and his Consort.



Tickets are \$50.00, or \$15.00 for Conference Attendees, and can be purchased at the door. Concert will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach, 1590 27th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL. For further information, call 772-486-4029.

Shyla's biographical information:

As a voice trainer, Shyla's clients include world renowned professional/inspirational speakers, spiritual leaders, educators, business leaders, and classical, jazz, and rock musicians. She leads workshops, seminars, group voice training programs, and retreats for a broad range of institutions, companies, and organizations, and was a keynote speaker at the inaugural World Wellness Congress in Chennai, India, which drew over 3000 participants from over 50 countries.

Shyla founded One Earth. One Voice. out of her deep belief in the power of story, and the human voice – specifically the power of community-based song – to provide a new, collaborative model and catalyst to respond to the planetary crisis in humanity's relationship with the earth. Its inaugural campaign was a 99-day journey in which she circumnavigated the planet carrying a 14"-diameter glass globe, symbolizing the frailty of the earth. It culminated on December 21, 2012 with communities in over 70 countries singing a Yoruba song in synchrony, calling for earth's healing.

Now preparing for collaborative work with the United Nations, *One Earth. One Voice.* has gained support from Kennedy Center Honoree, the legendary folk musician Pete Seeger; Archbishop Desmond Tutu; leading environmentalist Bill McKibben of 350.org, Larry Schweiger of National Wildlife Federation; world musicians King Sunny Ade and Paul Winter; Sir Richard Branson; Indigenous Elder Chief Oren Lyons (Onondaga); among others.

A regular contributor to Huffington Post, Shyla's 99-day journey around the world was featured in the Boston Globe, New York Times, BBC Australia, Business Week, and the Nation. Her forthcoming book, to be released in 2014, tells the story of her journey and its implications for the healing of the planet.