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FULL WATTAGE BENEFIT CONCERT FOR KARL WATT



VANCOUVER, BC – A fundraiser for the Friends of Karl Watt Foundation will be held at The Yale on Wednesday, July 28 from 6-9pm. This three-hour concert that is coming straight from the heart will feature performances by former band mates and musicians Jonathan Todd, Johnny DeMarco, The Jardines, and Stonebolt.

In 2006, BC drummer Watt was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (*ALS*). Four years later, Watt has gone from a non-stop active musician, to a person confined to a wheelchair with no use of his limbs.

Founded by local singer/songwriter Cherelle Jardine and drummer Achim Klor, the Friends of Karl Watt Foundation helps to raise funds necessary for Watt's home care, while generating awareness about his fight against the disease.

Watt who has played with countless local musicians over the years is now faced with monthly costs of more than \$5,000 for home care, which includes 24-hour supervision. Unfortunately, BC's health care system only allows a maximum of four hours of home care daily. Watt's parents have exhausted their retirement savings and mortgage in order to maintain some life of normalcy for their son. "We don't know how much time Karl has left, but we can all make a difference by giving him some quality of life while he's still with us," says Achim Klor. "I believe he would trade any of our worst days just to get back on his kit again," he adds.

Tickets to Full Wattage Benefit in aid of Karl Watt are \$40 in advance or at the door. Advance tickets are available by contacting Cherelle Jardine at 604-306-0632 or by email at cherellejardine@shaw.ca. All proceeds go to the Karl Watt Trust Fund. Doors open at 5pm. Show starts at 6pm. Those who wish to make a donation, can do so by visiting www.karlwatt.com. For more information on this and other upcoming Yale events, call 604-681-9253 or visit www.theyale.ca. The Yale is conveniently located at 1300 Granville Street in downtown Vancouver.

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