

## - For Immediate Release, Request for Bands and Artists -

A call for help to media and artists went out recently on the July 12<sup>th</sup> CTV news.

More than two-dozen artists lost their possessions, businesses and way of life in the fire at 337 West Pender Street on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003, and they are banding together in an effort to rebuild their lives.

Members of the West Pender Artist Group (WPAG) headed by their Chairman, singer and fashion designer Claude Duke, are organizing a series of events that will help these artists with attaining basic needs and they are seeking exposure in addition to listings with the following public announcement...

The first event will be held at the Commodore on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2003 and includes Latin and World Beat Artists. The second, an all day Rock Concert event, will be held at the Plaza of Nations on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2003. The WPAG hopes to raise at least 100 thousand dollars to supply important necessities for the residents.

**Both events are hosted by Stand up comedian/Producer Kimberley Beaudoin**

### **A Light of Hope Concert-World Beat**

Saturday July 26, 2003  
8:00 PM  
The Commodore Ballroom  
Tickets \$20.00 at Ticketmaster

#### **Confirmed Talent:**

BC Salsa  
Tropicana Girls Girls Girls  
Rumba Calzada  
School of Samba Quilombo du Queimado  
Soul Stream  
Claude Duke  
Alicia Tait  
Hosted by Kimberley Beaudoin

### **Rock for Hope Concert**

Sunday August 10, 2003  
5:00PM  
The Plaza of Nations  
Tickets TBA

#### **Confirmed Talent:**

Brent Howard  
Kelly Brock  
Melanie Dekker  
Alicia Tait  
Blake Havard  
Johnny Ferreira  
Means To An End  
Soma City Ward  
Mary Ancheta  
Shiftkit  
School of Samba Quilombo du Queimado  
Claude Duke

*\*Full Line-up to be announced on Friday July 25, 2003*

A Royal Bank Trust account has been set up to accept donations (Account# 10-1146158).

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