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Ecology of Being



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Music inspired by nature and the climate emergency

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 28, 2022: From Newfoundland, Canada, comes a down-to-earth, unconfined project by **Duo Concertante** (Nancy Dahn, violin and Timothy Steeves, piano): *Ecology of Being* is a collection of commissioned musical works inspired by nature and the climate emergency. Designed to incite reflection about our connection and interconnections to this planet, *Ecology of Being* considers what we are leaving the next generation and our complicity in the world's rapid, alarming, and ominous changes. It also pays tribute to the gloriousness of our earth and the power of nature, recognizing our dependence on it for survival, resilience, and healing.

Ecology of Being – the project, consists of a new recording on the [Marquis Classics](#) label, stage performances throughout Canada, an innovative online school program (presented with [The Tuckamore Festival](#)) that includes videos, links and live performances, and further performances in Europe. Named after Melissa Hui's composition *Ecology of Being*, the project addresses a range of topics such as wildfires and Native American understanding of women's connection to water. Nancy and Tim commissioned works by **Ian Cusson**, **Carmen Braden**, **Randolph Peters**, **Dawn Avery** and **Bekah Simms**, in addition to **Melissa Hui**, whose work was made into the short film [Ecology of Being](#) by filmmaker **Nicola Hawkins** with poetry by **Shannon Webb-Campbell**, and featuring actor **Clara Steeves**.

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“We are parents of two children and it makes us incredibly sad that they and the younger generations face huge climate-related challenges,” comment Nancy and Tim. *“We hope this project will encourage people to reflect more on their own relationship to nature and the precarious state of the environment.”*

Canada’s premiere violin and piano ensemble, **Nancy Dahn** and **Timothy Steeves** forge a musical legacy through live performances, recordings and a determination to provoke thought about our world through art. Outstanding musicians, champions of new Canadian music, and visionary artistic directors, Nancy and Tim are partners in music and in life. Known for the passion and brilliance of their performances, critics have praised Nancy Dahn and Timothy Steeves’ “artistry, poetry, and impeccable technique” (*La Scena Musicale*) and “deeply integrated performances that flow naturally as if the music were being created on the spot” (*Gramophone*).

Upcoming performances by Duo Concertante featuring works from *Ecology of Being* include Abbotsford, BC (May 6 & 7, 2022), Vancouver, BC (May 10, 2022), and in St. John’s, NL as part of the Tuckamore Festival (August 8-21, 2022).

Performances in Ontario, planned for summer/fall 2022, will be announced at a later date.

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- **Biographies of performers and composers**
- **Composers’ notes**
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