



**AROUND THE WORLD,
IN TWO DAYS,
UNDER ONE SKY**

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Fresh from a fundraising concert for the New Hamburg Mennonite relief sale, Winnipeg band House of Doc will raise some funds for Latitudes Storytelling Festival, on Saturday, June 20 at Trinity United Church, 74 Frederick St., Kitchener, at 8 p.m. with a special guest appearance by local storyteller, Sarah Granskou.

House of Doc is a band with a strong sense of its roots and history. Named for their family home, presided over by grandfather David 'Doc' Schroeder, House of Doc family history in Canada dates back to the late 1800s. Infusing musical inspirations such as Gordon Lightfoot, Simon & Garfunkel & Spirit of the West with rousing harmonies, sophisticated counterpoint and a rocking, down-home delivery, the band captures its story with sensitive attention to story and detail.

Dan Wiebe, sister Rebecca Harder, and husband Matthew Harder compose and perform seamlessly. House of Doc was born after Matthew Harder, who hails from Kitchener-Waterloo and already a professional musician when he met the Wiebes, saw the potential in this family of musicians.

Prairiegrass (2005) is a collection of songs that honour the legacy of grandparents, featuring stories of the trials of immigration, the Depression, WWII, building the railroad and the timeless theme of love and love lost — a Canadian album with a Canadian story.

Sacred Blue (2002) is the band's debut recording, ultimately a gospel album using a musical palette unfamiliar to the traditional gospel sound.

Members of House of Doc will also appear at Latitudes Storytelling Festival on Sunday, June 20 on Roos Island, Victoria Park, with Mike Ford (formerly of Moxy Fruvous) and Sarah Granskou.

Through intricate poetic narrative, Sarah Granskou tells and sings accessible stories and applies her Canadian sense of innovation to Norwegian oral tradition. While Sarah draws on ancient art forms, her humorous and moving stories often relate to her own adventures accompanying the Sámi reindeer migration, working on farms, playing for weddings at a Swedish ice church and building Norwegian fiddles. In the Nordic tongue, "kve" indicates both singing and telling.

Latitudes Storytelling Festival will be held June 20-21, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. on Roos Island, Victoria Park. Sharing the park with the K-W Multicultural Festival and National Aboriginal Day celebrations, Latitudes celebrates stories from around the world, for children and adults alike; a festival of stories told in spoken word, music, image, theatre and poetry.

House of Doc in concert with Sarah Granskou, Trinity United Church, 74 Frederick St., Kitchener. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. Tickets available at Gellatly Music (formerly Twelfth Night Music Shoppe) and 10,000 Villages in Waterloo, Encore Records and Trinity United Church in downtown Kitchener, or by calling 519-584-1758. <http://www.myspace.com/houseofdoc>

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