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2019 Coast Salish Speaker Series

Friday March 29 at 6pm

Paul "Che oke ten" Wagner

shares traditional songs and stories of the
Coast Salish peoples.

The Coast Salish Speaker Series brings a unique opportunity for engagement with Coast Salish peoples to promote understanding of the culture, art, and history of First Nation's communities. The Series was underwritten by a grant from San Juan County and supported by San Juan Islands National Monument, Lopez Island Library, San Juan Island Library, and Friends of the Orcas Island Library.

The Coast Salish peoples inhabit the Northwest Coast of North America, from the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon, north to Bute Inlet in British Columbia. Coast Salish territories include much of the ecologically diverse Georgia Basin and Puget Sound known as the Salish Sea.

Che oke ten hails from the Wsaanich (Saanich) tribe of southern Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and is an award-winning performer, musician, and storyteller. His ancestral name "Che oke ten" carries the meaning of a feeling of "watching over and caring for the people and things you love for a thousand seasons." His spirit helpers are the Thunderbird and the Whale.

His spirit-gifted songs on Native American flute, along with traditional tribal drum songs take audiences on a journey to the ancient times of the first peoples of this land. He enjoys sharing the warmth, humor and wisdom of these beautiful "teachings," as they are known in the sacred tradition of his people. Paul "Che oke ten" Wagner, was the winner of the 2009 JPF Music Award for "Best Native American Album."

http://www.firstnations.de/development/coast_salish.htm

<https://soundcloud.com/makenobonesaboutit/paul-che-oke-ten-wagner-on-make-no-bones-about-it-3-25-2012>



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