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*Understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of wildlands and mountain culture in
Alaska's Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve*

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Seeking musicians for 3rd annual John Denver Tribute Concert in Kennecott

The communities of McCarthy and Kennecott, Alaska will host their third annual John Denver Tribute starting 6 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2010. The event is part of the Summer Arts and Lecture Series sponsored by the Wrangell Mountains Center and National Park Service.

Denver visited the remote, wildly spectacular area in 1975 for his filming of the feature-length documentary *Alaska—America's Child*. For several days he stayed, worked and played with McCarthy residents. Denver also filmed a comic chase scene in the historic Kennecott copper milling town where the Solstice Eve tribute will be staged.

Following a potluck dinner in Kennecott's restored Recreation Hall, scenes from the film featuring Denver in the Wrangell Mountains and Kennecott will be screened and local residents will share remembrances. Then local musicians and vocalists will present about two hours of Denver's music.

Performers of Denver's music interested in donating their talents are invited to audition for the tribute. They should contact the Wrangell Mountains Center before June 1 at info@wrangells.org to sign up.

The evening will conclude with an audience sing-a-long medley, including the "Wrangell Mountain Song," inspired by the grandeur of the Wrangell Mountains and John's experiences with the "strong and gentle people" of McCarthy living "beside the glacier."

A \$5 donation per person is suggested and additional support is welcome. For more information contact Jeremy at info@wrangells.org or call (907) 244-7717.

The Wrangell Mountains Center is a nonprofit organization which fosters understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of wildlands and mountain culture in Alaska through artistic and scientific inquiry in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. Learn more at www.wrangells.org.

Captions for attached photos:

John Denver at McCarthy Saloon: John Denver performs for locals in the McCarthy Saloon during his 1975 movie filming in the area. Anchorage resident Tony Oney, Denver's pilot during the filming, sits to Denver's right. *Photo courtesy of the McCarthy Lodge.*

2010 Tribute Flyer: Artwork for the 2010 Kennecott John Denver Tribute reflects the event's homespun origins. Terry Blosser and Dave Hollis, two backpacking buddies and long-time fans of the famed musician, planned the first event while backpacking in the Wrangells during the summer of 2007.





Far Out!
in the
Wrangells

John Denver Tribute III
Kennecott, Alaska
June 18, 2010
6-10 p.m.

- * Potluck Dinner and Social
- * Movie clips from "Alaska--America's Child"
- * Live concert with local performers
featuring John's music

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