



RISING SUN





An all female acapella trio, **Rising Sun**'s music gives voice to three Yukon First Nation communities. Drawing on their Champagne Aishihik, Carcross/Tagish, and Ta'an cultures, Rising Sun performs a variety of traditional songs. As First Nations women, Rising Sun are role-models who promote their culture and traditions. Viola Papequash, Lacey Scarff, and Patti Boss are powerful acoustic singers accompanied by drums and rattles.

Reminiscent of the discipline of the past when people would rise with the sun and greet the new day, Rising Sun takes their name from the gift of a new day given by the Creator. With the appearance of the sun each morning, yesterday is over and the new day offers an opportunity to make a positive change in a person's life.

Their performances incorporate songs from a variety of traditions such as the 'Women's Warrior Song' from the west coast. The song conveys for them a sense of feeling united, powerful and strong. In addition to this wide-ranging repertoire, the group is now writing their own material.

For Rising Sun, the songs they choose are about bringing women back to a place of honour, a place of sacredness. "Women are sacred life givers. This is the message we want to send to the world." Their songs are about healing and their goal is to connect people to their own spirit, their own heart.

Rising Sun has performed in festivals, celebrations, and ceremonies throughout the Yukon, and on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network and in Ottawa at Winterlude 2008.