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Water Music, an Exhibition and Reading Inspired by the Wonders of Water

Northeast Cultural Coop in partnership with the Mariposa Museum of World Cultures in Peterborough presents *Water Music*, an exhibit and reading on Friday, November 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The exhibition is a showing of works from this photography book with a social conscience, which affirms the intimate connection of water to the rhythms of our lives. Marjorie Ryerson, author and photographer, will read from her book, *Water Music*, during the opening of the exhibit of her photographs, which will hang in the Mariposa Museum for the month of November. For photographer Marjorie Ryerson of Randolph, Vermont, a fascination with water grew from the challenge of capturing on film the breadth of ways water presents itself—the way, for instance, that Lake Superior at sunset turns from deep blue to gold, copper, dusty pink, pewter, and finally, shimmering black.

To accompany the photographs, Ryerson recruited some of the most important names in music. Sixty-six world-class artists from across the musical spectrum have contributed memoirs, stories, poetry, music, and lyrics for *Water Music*, reinforcing the beauty of the images and the powerful message they convey.

In *Water Music*, image, words, and music merge to remind us why we must heed the message in Paul Winter's introduction—in spite of our reverence for water, we have placed this most essential element in peril.

Thus *Water Music* is a piece of a much larger picture: The Water Music Project, which Ryerson initiated to celebrate the beauty of water and its connection to music and to our lives, and also to increase awareness about water issues through concerts, lectures, events, and educational outreach. She is donating her net royalties from sales of the book to the Water

Music Fund, established at the request of the United Nations Foundation. The UNF will use the fund to aid water in the natural environment and to provide clean drinking water for families around the world.

Northeast Cultural Coop, a non-profit organization located in Amherst, NH, dedicated to celebrating cultures near and far, is pleased to be working with the Mariposa Museum in hosting Marjorie Ryerson in the Peterborough area to share her enthusiasm and inspiration. To help celebrate the topic of water, local musicians Nancy Knowles and Frank Wallace of Duo Liveoak will perform selections from their CD, "Women of the Water". The opening event will also include the sale of Marjorie's *Water Music* book and a book signing. For additional information, please visit www.NortheastCulturalCoop.org or call 603-673-8470.

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