

Nancy Hall Featured in Neil Young's 'Songs of Protest'

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Hot off the release of his new album "Living With War," iconoclastic rock legend Neil Young has created a Web site of the same name that features music, stories, and videos from his own CD as well as antiwar protest songs of other singer/songwriters.

Pacifica activist and bandleader of The Curios, Nancy Hall, is one of the Living with War site's featured artists, with her locally produced video "No Fighting." She also has been invited to perform in Los Angeles as part of a musical evening called "Songs of Protest."

"The timing was perfect," says Hall. "I was performing on Pacifica's Channel 26 on the Bruce Latimer Show to promote an upcoming local benefit concert. I had not planned to do a protest song, but this great bluegrass band came on before me that was made up of war vets singing songs against the war. I was challenged! At the last minute, I switched to a new song that I barely knew yet called "No Fighting," inspired by my work teaching preschoolers. The Latimer crew did a good job with the taping, so we put it on the Internet, and the folks in Neil's camp liked it and put it on his site."

Hall's song travels up and down the Living with War "charts," based on how many "hits" it gets (number of times that visitors listen to it). It started at No. 40 and then shot ahead to No. 12 when Hall promoted it to her fan list. "Now I think it is hovering around No. 22 or something," Hall says, laughing.

"But the point is that all of these people are using their art to speak out against militarism, deceit, and cor-

SONGS OF PROTEST
An evening with the songwriters featured at Neil Young's Living With War Today Website

With your hostess **Cindy Lee Berryhill**
("When Did Jesus Become a Republican?" and "Beloved Stranger")

Tommy Fuller ("Worlds on Fire")
Nancy Hall ("No Fighting")
Joel Rafael
and very special guests

Peter Case
Grant Lee Phillips
Reverend Madison Shockley
Poet Stephen Kalinich
and more!

Saturday, May 12, 2007 **Doors open at 8 pm**

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Tickets are \$20.00 (1/2 of proceeds go to the Bridge School) The last "Songs of Protest" sold out the week before so make a dinner reservation and secure a table!

Neil Young, hot off the release of his protest album "Living with War," has created a website which features stories, music, and videos from his album, as well as the music of hundreds of other exciting songwriters, featuring their protest music. This evening is a chance to see and hear some of them.

Photo courtesy of the Curios

Nancy Hall and Mike Tyler at Curios 2005 Winter Concert.

ruption," she adds. "I am sick of the lies, and thousands are dead because of the lies. It is unacceptable."

Hall's beautifully simple video performance of "No Fighting" can be seen at neilyoung.com/lwwtoday/index.html.

Look to the left of the headlines.

Click "Videos," then find and click "No Fighting—Nancy Hall."

Hall also has just published her own band's Web site, thecurios.com. She performs numerous concerts throughout the area to benefit organizations working for peace and the environment.