

On Being Canadian lecture at River Run Centre

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Guelph's River Run Centre is hosting a special lecture on November 1 entitled *On Being Canadian*, featuring Severn Cullis-Suzuki. Ms. Cullis-Suzuki has inspired worldwide audiences since the age of 12 when she addressed the United Nations Rio Summit on the environment. Although her speech was only six minutes in length, she received a standing



ovation and brought many delegates to tears. She lectures on the need to redefine our values, to act with the future in mind, and to listen to our children, whom she passionately encourages to speak out on their future. At age 23, Ms. Cullis-Suzuki now holds a degree in ecology and evolutionary biology from Yale University. She is stepping into social and political arenas to pin-

point what it means to be a Canadian at the beginning of the 21st century and what role Canadians can play in the world.

Also adding excitement to the evening's performance will be The Young Turban Professionals, a Canadian Sikh dance troupe, and Tom King, this year's Massey Lecturer, who will give a reading.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20, university students are \$15, and under 18 are \$10. Please call 519-763-3000 or visit www.riverrun.guelph.on.ca for tickets, or purchase them from The Bookshelf, Giardino Salon or Manhattan Jazz Club in Guelph.

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