

# Press Release

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**Guest Artist:** Ray Troll, 'Fin' Artist, Author, Mad Scientist  
**Book Signing:** *Something Fishy This Way Comes - The artwork of Ray Troll*

**Date:** Saturday, February 26th, 2011 - 11:30 a.m.

The Columbia River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce a book-signing by noted Alaskan artist, Ray Troll on Saturday, February 26th as part of the Fisher Poets gathering. Troll draws and paints fishy images that migrate into museums, books and magazines and onto T-shirts sold around the planet. Basing his quirky, aquatic images on the latest scientific discoveries, Ray brings a street-smart sensibility to the worlds of ichthyology and paleontology.

Troll's unique blend of art and science culminated in several traveling exhibits: *Dancing to the Fossil Record*, *Evolvo*, *Sharkabet - A Sea of Sharks from A to Z*, and *Cruisin' the Fossil Freeway*.

Ray and his wife Michelle run the Soho Coho gallery in Ketchikan, Alaska. Ray believes that everyone should be in a band regardless of talent or ambition. Holding true to that ethic, Troll helps lead a band of musical renegades called the *Ratfish Wranglers*.

Ray earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bethany College in Kansas in 1977 and an MFA in studio arts from Washington State University in 1981. In 2008 he was awarded an honorary doctorate in fine arts from the University of Alaska Southeast. In 2006 he was given the Alaska Governor's award for the arts, and in 2007 he was awarded a gold medal for 'distinction in the natural history arts' by the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

Troll has appeared on the Discovery Channel, lectured at Cornell, Harvard and Yale, shown work at the Smithsonian and has even had a 'ratsfish' named after him, a New Zealand species called *Hydrolagus trolli*.

The Columbia River Maritime Museum is pleased to welcome back Troll as he introduces the latest collection of his work in the book, *Something Fishy This Way Comes*. In his own words, this book tour promises to be "More fun than a bucket full of eels!" Ray Troll will be available to sign both his book and his CD in the Museum Store.

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Admission is Charged

**Museum Members are Free**

Adults: \$10.00 • Seniors (over 65): \$8.00

Children (ages 6-17): \$5.00 • Children under 6: Free