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Photo Description: Patrons enjoying the very first Art of Wine Festival in 2014.

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CULTURAL CENTRE PRESENTS SIGNATURE WINE FESTIVAL!

Ticket holders for *Chilliwack's Art of Wine Festival* will be thrilled with the award-winning wineries represented at the Cultural Centre Saturday, May 9 at 7pm.

This signature festival has it all: a stunning space, perfectly paired hors d'oeuvres, two live entertainment stages, an interactive wine tasting contest, art gallery exhibit themed "Light & Shadow" and a highly sought-after raffle auction sure to create a spectacular evening.

Beyond the glitz and glamour, *Chilliwack's Art of Wine Festival* is presented by the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society Board of Directors to ensure financial support for the thriving arts and crafts programs at The Centre.

And then, of course, there's the wine.

Representatives from over 30 wineries will fill the Chilliwack Cultural Centre from gallery to studio theatre, and everywhere in between. Try award-winning wine from Chaberton Estate Winery, Damali Lavendar & Winery, Kalalal Organic Estates Winery, Moon Curser Vineyards, Blasted Church Winery and so many more!

The span of showcased wines is both vibrant and wide; from local Valley wineries to samplings from the Sunshine Coast and the Okanagan, the festival showcases both the variety and quality of British Columbia wines.

All in all, this spectacular evening is a testament to the power of local wine, food, art, and live music - not to mention Chilliwack's amazing community spirit. Everything comes together from all quarters in a celebration of everything art - and in overwhelming support for the growing arts and crafts programs at The Centre!

If you love to try new wine without committing to an entire bottle, then this is the event for you: prepare for a veritable safari through a multitude of award-winning flavours and scents! Pair your wine with tastes from Kuro Asian Cuisine, Simply Savory Catering, The Society Gathering House, Best Western Catering, Coopers Food, Brixton Restaurant & Lounge, and Crave Catering.

As you sip and savour, it's up to you to determine the best in show! Each attendee votes for their favourite winery... and the night climaxes with the presentation of a giant and gorgeous trophy, awarded to the winery who received the most votes! The Art of Wine Festival is not only an opportunity to explore new wines, but a chance to take home fabulous items from the silent auction and raffle, sample fresh and elegant hors d'oeuvres from well-loved Chilliwack establishments, and enjoy the stunning space of the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. Settle in with a glass of red or white to enjoy the sweet sounds of the Curbside Jazz Band, or take in the gentle music of acclaimed harpist Glen Cuthbertson.

With a silent auction, raffle, live music on two stages and a host of local art on display, fundraising has never been more fun. It's the perfect night out to celebrate the vibrant and generous community of Chilliwack - and just in time for Mother's Day, too! It's the perfect way to embrace spring in an intimate environment, and a wonderful opportunity to connect with the tastemakers behind our award-winning BC wines and local food.

"We are expecting to sell out the Art of Wine Festival," says KellyAnne TeBrinke, Development Officer of the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society and one of the organisers behind this stand-out event. "The word is out: the Art of Wine Festival is the premiere spring event to attend. Sample some of BC's finest wines and celebrate Chilliwack's cuisine and culture!"

Call the Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) or visit www.ChilliwackCulturalCentre.ca for online ticketing. Please note this is a 19+ only event.

Chilliwack's Art of Wine Festival is proud to have Harmony Mortgage Group as its Platinum Sponsor.

Additional generous sponsors include gold sponsors: O'Connor Dodge Chrysler-Jeep, Sabrina vandenBrink, and Waterstone Law Group; silver sponsors: Baker Newby, Ken's Tire and Wheel, Lolly's Fashion Lounge, Master Painting and Renovations, and One Yellow Tree. Bronze sponsors are Carmie Joe Interiors, Chilliwack Carpet One, Dominion Lending Drake Entrust, Fraser Valley Physio, Hofstede's Produce Barn, Little Village Shoes, Mt. Waddington's Outdoors, Sardis Park Wines, Stimuli Magazine, Unger Window and Door. Media sponsors are Star FM, and the Chilliwack Times, and accommodation sponsor is the Royal Hotel.

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Additional Information

Wineries represented:

BelleTerra Wine Group (*Dirty Laundry Vineyard, Therapy Vineyard*)

Blasted Church Winery

Campbell's Gold Honey Wines

Chaberton Estate Winery

Church and State Wines

Constellation Brands (*Jackson Triggs, Inniskillin, See Ya Later Ranch, Nk'Mip Cellars*)

Lotusland Winery

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Fort Berens Estate Winery

Kalala Organic Estates Winery

Kismet Estate Winery

Krause Estate Winery

Maan Farms Winery

Moon Curser Vineyards

Mt. Lehman Winery

Peacock & Martin (*Thornhaven, Hester Creek, Backyard Vineyards, Elephant Island, Lake Breeze, Wild Goose, Noble Ridge*)

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Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Owned by the City of Chilliwack, the Cultural Centre houses two unique performance venues, an art gallery, music instruction studios, arts and crafts studios, meeting rooms, offices, and is home to the Chilliwack Academy of Music and the Chilliwack Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, more than 220,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding three million dollars. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City, and boasts The Chilliwack Academy of Music, The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association, The Chilliwack Players Guild, The Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra, and the Chilliwack School of Performing Arts as partners.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre highlights:

- 597 seat performance theatre
- 168 seat recital hall / rehearsal space / dance studio / meeting space
- Chilliwack Art gallery (22-foot high display area)
- 21 music instructional rooms
- Arts and crafts studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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