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Description: Ballet Rocks is an innovative, vibrant, athletic, entertaining, quirky, and beautiful program with new works to rocking music by the Eagles (Hotel California), Disturbed (The Sound of Silence) and more.

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## A THRILLING AND SPECTACULAR MODERN TAKE ON BALLET SET TO WOW CHILLIWACK

CHILLIWACK, BC – A fabulous dance spectacle like no other is coming to Chilliwack on **October 29, 2016!** Brimming with a diverse selection of rock ‘n’ roll, classical music, mythology and poetry, *Ballet Rocks* is a unique and stunning cutting edge pageantry of movement and a Ballet Victoria original. The show begins with exceptional dancers performing to dynamic rock music and riveting choreography that will captivate the whole theatre with its energy.

Moving into the second half of the performance is a more classic approach to ballet but with a modern twist as the dancers perform to Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons” and take the audience on an extraordinary exploration of the first nation mythology of the

Raven. Each season will be opened with a reading of Linda Rogers' poetry read by none other than Chilliwack's own Steven Point, past Lieutenant Governor of BC.

A cutting edge ballet company founded in 2002, **Ballet Victoria** has developed into a first-class professional organization with international recognition. They have produced an impressive 54 new works since opening and with former professional dancer Paul Destrooper as Artistic and Executive Director, **Ballet Victoria's** productions possess a unique use of lighting and contemporary music to emphasize the emotions of the performance. Destrooper's choreography focuses on shaping seamless movements from the classical and contemporary vocabularies to reflect musicality and trigger a connection. His work is dramatic, inspiring, physical and often laced with a distinctive sense of humour. **Ballet Victoria's** shows are electrifying while still keeping the timelessness of ballet; and the thrilling **Ballet Rocks** is no exception.

A supporter of community outreach programming **Ballet Victoria** is also offering an exciting masterclass on **October 29, 2016** from **11:00am to 12:30pm** for ballet students 11-18 years of age. Students will enhance their skills and talent learning marvelous routines performed throughout the production alongside a professional dancer from **Ballet Rocks**. Participating in the masterclass also includes a ticket to the fantastic ballet later that evening.

**Ballet Rocks** will be at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre for one night only on October 29, 2016 and is a night of inspirational dance and music that no one should miss!

Tickets are available at The Centre Box Office (9201 Corbould Street, Chilliwack BC), [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.com](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.com), or 604-391-SHOW(7469).

**Ballet Rocks** is generously sponsored by: Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, Chilliwack Community Arts Council, The Chilliwack Times, Canadian Heritage, British Columbia Arts Council, Province of British Columbia, and the City of Chilliwack

**Create Your Own Series and Save!** Purchase tickets for three or more qualifying performances and save \$5 per ticket! (*Shows must be bought at the same time to qualify*) Subscriptions are only available by phone or in person at The Centre Box Office.

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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 O'Connor Group Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, over 290,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$4,280,000. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City.

*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, crafts and performance studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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