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## Cellist Joins Piano Duo for an Inspiring Morning Concert

CHILLIWACK, BC – Entrancing sounds of piano will be complimented with the rich, captivating melodies of the cello for a special morning performance of classical music when the **Bergmann Duo** and cellist **Beth Root Sandvoss** come together to perform in the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre on **November 18**. The concert will include a variety of cello repertoire favourites and of course, *Blue Autumn*, an enchanting piece written by Marcel Bergmann in 2006 especially for Beth Root Sandvoss. With coffee, tea and refreshments provided, the concert is the perfect way to spend an autumn morning.

The talented and accomplished **Bergmann Duo**, comprised of international pianists and married couple Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann, met at Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Hannover, Germany where they both studied, and have performed across Europe and North America. The duo has won first prize at the International Chamber Music Competition in Caltanissetta, Italy and were honored at The 4<sup>th</sup> Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition. When Elizabeth and Marcel aren't busy performing, they work as Directors at the Langley Community Music School and are the Artistic Directors of the non-profit arts organization White Rock Concerts.

For this fantastic morning performance, the duo will be joined by cellist **Beth Root Sandvoss**, who has been a member of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and the Victoria String Quartet, and is a founding member of award winning group the Land's End Ensemble. Beth has studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music and is now a resident of Calgary, Alberta where she is a member of the UCalgary String Quartet at the University of Calgary. She has collaborated with a variety of artists including Ian Swenson, Barry Shiffman, James Campbell, Francois Houle and Linda Wang, and has performed on WERN Madison public radio, RTHK Radio Hong Kong, and CBC Radio.

*Blue Autumn* is the second of four morning concerts featuring the **Bergmann Duo** as part of the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society's 2016/2017 Classical Music Series, and is on November 18, 2016 at 10:30am in the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre.

Guaranteed to capture the audience with the enchanting sounds of piano and cello, tickets for this event won't last long so be sure to get yours early.

*Blue Autumn* is sponsored by The Chilliwack Progress, Canadian Heritage, British Columbia Arts Council, Province of British Columbia, and the City of Chilliwack.

Tickets are now available at The Centre Box Office, so visit [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca) or call 604-391-SHOW(7469) to secure your tickets today!

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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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