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Description: The magical arrangements, beautifully evocative songs, dazzling orchestral fiddle music and breathtaking exuberance of the North Shore Celtic Ensemble take you on an exhilarating ride with special guests from the De Danaan School of Irish Dance.

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## **Feel the holiday spirit with *A Celtic Christmas with the North Shore Celtic Ensemble***

CHILLIWACK, BC – Sensational harmonies, captivating melodies, and plenty of holiday magic, *A Celtic Christmas with The North Shore Celtic Ensemble* has it all and on **December 4** they're bringing it to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. With their unique arrangements of classic Christmas songs performed by talented young musicians, it'll be a journey into Christmases past – all without leaving your seat.

Originally known as the Waldorf Celtic Ensemble, **The North Shore Celtic Ensemble** got their start in 1999 at the Waldorf school in North Vancouver. Now, with over 55

musicians in their lineup, the ensemble has expanded into a four-ensemble, non-profit organization that performs locally and abroad. Over the years the ensemble has grown their repertoire to include a variety of genres including jazz, classical, folk, and much more.

On **December 4**, the North Shore Celtic Ensemble will return to their Celtic roots with a one night only performance of *A Celtic Christmas*, and they'll be joined by dancers from the De Danaan School of Irish Dance. Since its start in 2000, the De Danaan School of Irish Dance has been operating out of Burnaby and Langley. Their accomplished dancers perform and compete locally as well as internationally, and now they're bringing one of their talented troupes for this lively festive performance.

With enchanting string music, familiar songs that'll make you feel like curling up in front of a fire, and the intricate and beautiful flowing costumes of the dancers – this performance is sure to whisk you into a holiday bliss. The stunning combination of the North Shore Celtic Ensemble's rich harmonies and the De Danaan School of Irish Dance's dynamic energy is coming just in time to set the mood for the holiday season – but tickets are going fast so be sure to get yours soon!

*A Celtic Christmas with the North Shore Celtic Ensemble* is sponsored by: Bathe Plumbing, Aromatica, Prime Signs, Laurie Throness ML, Bob Plowright, The Chilliwack Times, Canadian Heritage, the British Columbia Arts Council, the Province of British Columbia, and the City of Chilliwack.

*A Celtic Christmas with the North Shore Celtic Ensemble* is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **December 4 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors, \$30 for students, and are available at The Centre Box Office, online at [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca), or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

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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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