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Description: Known as one of Canada's most iconic and influential voices, *Valdy's* music has touched Canadians nationwide with its honest and genuine messages for nearly half of a century.

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Get up close and personal with *An Intimate Evening With Valdy.*

CHILLIWACK, BC – There's something about **Valdy's** music that makes it memorable; between his soothing voice and captivating guitar, his songs have that comforting factor that make you want to always keep listening. With a career spanning nearly half a century, **Valdy's** music has not only been a staple to Canada's folk music industry, but an inspiration to Canadians nationwide. His songs of peace and joy have

influenced audiences for decades and now he'll be sharing them in *An Intimate Evening With Valdy* at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on February 10.

Valdy's career took off when the then 23-year-old Ottawa native performed for an uninterested crowd at the Aldergrove Rock Festival in 1968. As a folk performer, the audience's heckling and ridicule inspired him to write "Play Me a Rock and Roll Song," which later became one of his biggest hits. "I was hired as a folk singer to go and play at a rock festival," Valdy said in an interview with Ben Fast from *The Work of Art Blog*. "I was out of place ... I got the reception I deserved, let's put it that way. They wanted rock, they gave me a hard time about it, and I got a great song out of it."

Valdy ended up defeating other Canadian musicians including Anne Murray, the Guess Who, and Neil Young for the 1972 Moffat Canadian Talent Award. He's also won two Juno awards for Folk Singer of the Year and Folk Entertainer of the Year, as well as seven other nominations. He was awarded the National Achievement Award by SOCAN in 2005, and was appointed a member of the Order of Canada in 2011. Valdy has sold nearly half a million copies of his 13 albums, four of which are certified gold. Three of those albums were recorded with Canadian musician Gary Fjellgaard, and the duo still regularly tour together. Valdy also has a few television appearances to his name, including *Canada AM*, *Open Mike with Mike Bullard*, and a lead role in an episode of *Beachcombers*.

An Intimate Evening With Valdy's unique cabaret style, with drinks allowed in the theatre for those over 19, is sure to create a performance that will give the audience an up close and personal look into Valdy's iconic career.

Valdy will be taking the stage at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre's Rotary Hall Studio Theatre on **February 10 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors, and \$30 for youth, and can be purchased at The Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

An Intimate Evening With Valdy is sponsored by: Aromatica, John Martin MLA, Coast Chilliwack Hotel, The Chilliwack Progress, the Department of Canadian Heritage, the British Columbia Arts Council, the Province of British Columbia, and the City of Chilliwack.

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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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