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High Resolution photo: [Shawn Farquhar.jpg](#)

Description: Shawn Farquhar is back to amaze and baffle Chilliwack, and he's bringing along Rod Chow, Lon Mandrake, and Brianna Carlson for a dazzling cabaret-style night of illusions in the seventh installment of Cabaret of Wonders.

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Join in for four times the fun with *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders VII!*

CHILLIWACK, BC – The first six times weren't enough and magician Shawn Farquhar is back once again to amaze and entertain with his *Cabaret of Wonders*. With what could be the most stellar lineup so far, *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders VII* is set to be a night full of perplexing puzzles and baffling magical mysteries. On March 17 it's taking over the Chilliwack Cultural Centre's Rotary Hall Studio Theatre once

again, this time with two cabaret-style performances, one at **7:30** and one at **10:00pm**.

Having received global fame after being twice the only magician to fool Penn and Teller on their show *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*, and appearing on the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*, Farquhar's magic has taken him worldwide. From a variety of cruise lines, including the Norwegian Star, Radiance of the Seas, and even the Disney Cruise Line, to several television shows, including the *X-Files* and FOX's *Fringe*, Farquhar has shown his magic to all kinds of audiences. He's also won several awards including first place for sleight of hand and stage magic at the World Magic Championships, and was even named the "Grand Prix World Champion of Magic" from the International Federation of Magic Societies.

But Farquhar won't be performing alone and joining him on stage will be an expert of high impact close-up sleight of hand illusion, **Rod Chow**. Chow received his PhD in magic from 4F in New York, and won first place in the Society of American Magicians International Close-Up Magic Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Chow has more than 40 other awards to his name as well, including a gold medal for platform magic from the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians, and the Carl Hemeon Award of Excellence, which he won twice from the Society of American Magicians Assembly #95. Known for his unique and mind-blowing magic, Chow is known to leave every audience stunned and wondering.

Farquhar is also bringing along **Lon Mandrake**, son of world famous magician Leon Mandrake and his wife and assistant Velvet. Lon's father was the inspiration for the

famous comic strip character *Mandrake the Magician*, and is the originator behind the iconic magician look of a black top hat, scarlet-lined cape, and thin handlebar mustache. Like his father, Lon is also a skilled mentalist and is now the president of the Society of American Magicians Assembly (S.A.M.) #95, and the regional vice president of the S.A.M. for Canada. Lon is a trained scientist and educator and is the cofounder of Catalyst, the B.C. Science Teacher's Annual conference. He has won several awards throughout his career, including the Outstanding Science Teach Award from the Optical Society of North America and the B.C. Science Teacher's Distinguished Service to Science Education Award.

Brianna Carlson will be joining the lineup as well. The young and up-and-coming magician is one of few females in the industry. She began performing when she was only seven years old and has since created a name for herself, and won herself a few awards and titles. Carlson has performed for a variety of different audiences, at both large and small events, entertaining customers with her illusion skills.

This incredible lineup is sure to fool everyone, but the magic tricks aren't limited to the performance—tickets are likely to disappear soon, so get yours today before they vanish!

Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders VII is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre's Rotary Hall Studio Theatre on **March 17** for two performances, at **7:30** and **10:30 pm**. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders VII is sponsored by: Kyle Hislop, 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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