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Description: Legendary magician **Shawn Farquhar** hosts the first of his *Cabaret of Wonders* in an intimate show that brings a vibrant variety of magicians to the stage in a fantastical display of never-before-seen works.

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## Feel the magic with *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders V!*

CHILLIWACK, BC – From illusions to sleight of hand, **Shawn Farquhar** can do it all, and once again you can experience it for yourself! *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders* is back for a fifth time with two magical performances on **January 20** at **7:30 pm** and **10:00 pm**.

“It’s unlike any other magic show in the world in that no two shows will ever be the same!” Farquhar said. “Even when there will be two shows in the same evening they won’t be exactly that same.”

The two cabaret-style shows – one in the evening and one for the late night crowd – are a result of the event’s success so far. With the Centre’s concession and bar remaining open for both shows, and drinks allowed in the theatre, there couldn’t be a more magical way to experience the wonder and illusion.

“We had to add the extra show due to popularity!” Farquhar said. “We were selling out too far in advance and turning away far too many people. It seems that the moment the audience walked out of the Cabaret they went and bought tickets for the next edition.”

Farquhar initially started the show as not only a way for him to perform close to home, but a platform for up and coming, as well as already established, magicians to share the stage and learn from each other. With magicians coming from Germany, England, and the United States, as well as a few locals and some new to the game, this *Cabaret of Wonders* is no exception.

“Every month I’ll introduce new artists to the Cabaret,” he said. “Some will be well known internationally while others will be performing for their first time. I use the Cabaret as a place to work on new ideas and build new ways to perform old effects too.”

The Maple Ridge native got his start in the magic industry over 20 years ago and has since performed worldwide. Between appearing on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*, having his magic shown in *X-Files* and FOX's *Fringe*, and performing on cruises including the Norwegian Star and even Disney Cruises, Farquhar has garnered global fame. He's also the only magician to win sleight of hand and stage magic at the World Magic Championships, and was named the "Grand Prix World Champion of Magic" by the International Federation of Magic Societies.

Despite his success, the Fraser Valley is still Farquhar's favorite place to perform.

"I love coming home. As much fun as it is to be "on the road," it can be draining," he said. "It's great to be challenged to perform in countries where I don't speak the language, but here at home I can be a whole lot more entertaining!"

Join **Shawn Farquhar** for his fifth *Cabaret of Wonders* at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **January 20** with two performances at **7:30 pm** and **10:00 pm**. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at The Centre Box Office, online at [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca), or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

*Cabaret of Wonders V* is generously sponsored by The Chilliwack Progress, Department of Canadian Heritage, British Columbia Arts Council, 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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