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Description: Part of what makes *Campground: A Murder Mystery in the Woods* so successfully hilarious is that it hits close to home, poking fun at the hipster or redneck inside everyone.

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A little bit hipster, a whole lot of hilarious, it's *Campground: A Murder Mystery in the Woods*

CHILLIWACK, BC – Take a campground, fill it full of strangers, throw in a missing person, and you have the most hilarious camping-trip-turned-murder-mystery you'll ever experience. *Campground: A Murder Mystery in the Woods (with songs)* is writer and actor Lucas Myers' take on the frustration that comes with getting to know your campground neighbours – whether you want to or not. On April 7 & 8 he's bringing the show to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre.

Myers got the inspiration for the play after his own run-in with fellow campers. "I was camping with my family and we didn't have spoons or something," he said in an interview with the *Cranbrook Townsman*. "We had to go to the total rednecks in the camper next door, who were running their generator at seven in the morning, and we were cursing them out, and they ended up being the sweetest people."

Myers decided to turn his experience into something relatable that he could share with others. “So I was thinking how can I make this idea into an interesting show?” he said. “What if there are a bunch of people in the campground who are somehow connected? That’s when I came up with the idea of there being a missing person and maybe they’ve found his camera, and there’s some footage on it that tells a story, and they’re all connected to him.”

And to make the show that much more relatable and interactive for his audience, Myers has created Facebook profiles for some of the characters – you can add hipster Justin Case and hear more about his conversion to a gluten-free lifestyle, or see more photos of Michael Hogkins lifted truck than you really want to. During his investigation Detective Shelly, the inexperienced police officer, excited to finally be on a case, actually uses Facebook. “During the show I actually go online, onto Facebook, when he’s interviewing the ‘suspects,’ and we can see him via projector,” Myers said.

This tour is the second version of the show; Myers revised the first after receiving feedback from murder-mystery writer and fellow resident of Nelson, B.C., Deryn Collier. “It’s not dramatically different, but it’s a streamlined version of the same story,” he told the *Nelson Star*.

Collier decided to contact Myers with feedback after he asked the audience at one of his shows at the Capitol Theatre in Nelson to do so. “I wouldn’t willy-nilly call someone up and say ‘I want to work with you, I want to collaborate,’” she said. “I have to be careful how many stories are in my head. As an artist, your gift is your mindset, your imagination, so being conscientious with how you’re using that is really important.”

Full of characters filling stereotypes that feel a little too personal, and situations that most audiences have already experienced, *Campground: A Murder Mystery* is brutally – but hysterically – honest. And that’s what makes it so endearing.

“In Lucas’ shows there’s always an emotional truth to them, which is what makes them so funny,” Collier said. “I think people should come because it’s great entertainment.”

Campground: A Murder Mystery in the Woods is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre’s Rotary Hall Studio Theatre on **April 7 & 8 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

Campground: A Murder Mystery in the Woods is sponsored by: Prime Signs, Myriad Information Technology Systems, the Royal 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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