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## ENTERTAINMENT TO THRILL CHILLIWACK

CHILLIWACK, BC—Internationally acclaimed ballet, a rock ‘n’ roll tribute show, and groovy shadow puppets for the kids are just a few highlights of the 2011-2012 Season presented by the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society. Executive Director Michael Cade has officially unveiled the highly-anticipated line-up of 21 brilliant performances, categorized as Theatre Series, Dance Series, Kids’ Series, and the Rain Mountain Classical Music Series. Interspersed within these series are an additional four Special Presentations. Tickets for all shows are now available through the Centre Box Office, simply call 604.391.SHOW.

October 2011 - Celebrating The Centre’s first anniversary, **The Irish Rovers’** come to Chilliwack with *Home in Ireland* on October 1. Sure to be a rollicking performance, The Irish Rovers’ fantastic brand of Irish nostalgia will have you singing and clapping along.

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### THE SEASON WILL DRAW AUDIENCES FROM ACROSS BC

The following afternoon, the Kids' Series launches with *Thumbelina*, perfect for all Flower Children and Baby Boomers as it follows the original Flower Child! As the inaugural show in the Theatre Series, *Jake's Gift and Songs of the War Years* will have a special sing-along by The Rotations, as well as ten percent of all ticket sales donated to Rotary International's End Polio Fund. Next, if you are ready to for an edge-of-your seat performance with a Brazilian flair, attend *Ataque! Afro-Brazilian Capoeira*, highlighting a martial art dance that combines speed and agility with gravity-defying acrobatics.

November 2011 - Vancouver's genius of dance, Josh Beamish, returns in November with 29 award-winning dancers in *Atonement*, an innovative program sure to rock the contemporary ballet world. *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* follows and is hailed as "The World's Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Musical", channeling the legend in a full-throttle tribute. Ontario's *Erehwon Theatre* is thrilled to participate in the Kids' Series with *The Velveteen Rabbit*, sure to introduce little ones to the joys of theatre through imaginative masks, puppets, and enchanting theatre magic.

January / February 2012 - Adding to the Special Presentations' showcase is *The Ultimate Comedy Show* with the brilliantly funny Roman Danylo as the host of a side-splitting evening of sketch, stand-up and improv comedy, "guaranteed to change

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### RIVETING PERFORMANCES AT THE CENTRE

your life” Danylo claims. Opening for the Rain Mountain Classical Series is *Rhapsody for Two*, featuring The Bergmann Duo. This husband and wife team play with refreshing exuberance and breathtaking virtuosity, positioning the partnership as one of the greatest stars in the elite world of duo pianists. Considered one of the world’s most renowned classical ballet companies, the **National Ballet of Cuba** makes their Western Canada debut with 35 compelling dancers in the highly-anticipated *Magic of Dance*. Bringing absurdist British humour to the forefront, fringe festival star, Chris Gibbs performs *Antoine Fevel*, a deliciously funny show about a Dr. Watson-like sidekick. Continuing to bring in champion performers, the Society presents *Secrets... with Shawn Farquhar*, considered one of the world’s greatest magicians.

March 2012 - Back by overwhelming demand, *I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!* celebrates International Women’s Day with an all-female stand-up comedienne line-up, certain to prove women “got it” when it comes to big laughs. **Vancouver Opera** then returns with the fresh and fantastical production of *Hansel & Gretel*, and children are sure to be charmed by the zany energy and powerful singing of the talented cast. Canadian born cellist, Joel Stobbe will take the Rotary Hall stage with his performance, *Fire & Passion*, a delectable, forceful yet subtle performance. Presenting BC’s top dancers, the series will close with *Walking Mad and & Other Works* by Ballet BC. The Boston

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### TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

Globe reviews the piece as a “riotous hit, a clever, surreal romp set to Ravel’s *Bolero*.” *Good Timber* follows with a marriage of songs, loggers’ poetry, and stories of the lumberjack way of life.

April 2012 - Ready to shine on stage as Peter, Tinkerbell, or Wendy? **Dufflebag**

**Theatre** take the audience on another topsy-turvy fairy tale, *Peter Pan*, proving that interactive story theatre is entertaining for all ages. Drawing the Theatre Series to a close, *UBUNTU: The Cape Town Project* pulses with life and hope in a poignant and exhilarating theatrical performance, giving tribute to both Canadian and South African artists. As the finale for the classical offerings, *Bohemian Rhapsodies* with The Pacific Rim String Quartet features the Lower Mainland’s top string players.

Series subscriptions are now on sale now at the Centre Box Office, offering up to a 35% discount as well as the first choice of the best seats. Single tickets for all shows are also available at [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca). Members of arts organizations will receive an additional \$1 off each ticket.

Patrons who wish to subscribe should contact the Centre Box Office in person or by phone at 604.391.SHOW (7469).

To request a copy of the 2011-2012 Chilliwack Cultural Centre season brochure,  
please contact the Centre Box Office at 604.391.SHOW (7469)

For information on the 2011-2012 Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society Presents  
season, including dates and prices, visit [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca).

**Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society presents**

The Irish Rovers	October 1, 2011
Thumbelina	October 2, 2011
Jake's Gift and Songs of the War Years	October 7, 2011
Ataque! Brazilian Capoeira	October 30, 2011
Atonement	November 11, 2011
Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story	November 13, 2011
At Nightfall (Exclusive School District #33 Show)	November 16, 2011
The Velveteen Rabbit	November 20, 2011
The Ultimate Comedy Show	January 27, 2012
Rhapsody for Two	February 12, 2012
National Ballet of Cuba	February 14, 2012
Chris Gibbs is...Antoine Fevel	February 16, 2012
Secrets...with Shawn Farquhar	February 25, 2012
I Am Women! Hear Me Laff!	March 8, 2012
Hansel & Gretel	March 11, 2012
Fire & Passion	March 11, 2012
Walking Mad & Other Works	March 17, 2012
Good Timber	March 29, 2012
Peter Pan	April 8, 2012
Ubuntu	April 10, 2012
Bohemian Rhapsodies	April 22, 2012

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**Chilliwack Cultural Centre**

Since opening the Chilliwack Cultural Centre September 2010, over 40,300 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$561,000. The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society, whom oversees operation on behalf of the City of Chilliwack, are pleased to be on target for their initial projected budget and overall use projections for the Centre.

*Chilliwack Cultural Centre highlights:*

- 597 seat performance theatre
- 160 seat recital hall / rehearsal space / dance studio / meeting space
- Chilliwack Art gallery (22-foot high display area)
- 21 music instructional rooms
- Arts and crafts studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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