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AN UNFORGETTABLE CROONER'S JOURNEY

CHILLIWACK, BC – *Unforgettable* is a dazzling evening of musical theatre not to be missed, showcasing one of the most beloved performers of all time, **Nat King Cole**.

His legacy endures to this day because of his contribution to American music, his smooth jazz style, his charisma and his success as a black man during the 1960's.

Actor/singer **Don Stewart** honours Cole's life through this marvelous production,

Unforgettable; the Music of Nat King Cole, coming to the Cultural Centre on **March 2 at 7:30pm**. Come see why Cole was a beloved superstar whose appeal transcended the boundaries of race, culture, and geography just as Stewart transcends the years and becomes this musical giant.

The songs are here too... incredible hits like Mona Lisa, Route 66, Too Young, Paper Moon and the classic Unforgettable. Don Stewart brings us this unmistakable music and a musical biography that ranges from Nat's piano-playing days in low down dives and honky-tonks to his breakthrough contract with Capitol Records. The whole story is there... his fight against racism at the studio and in his very own Hollywood neighbourhood. Go on a fascinating musical journey as the show follows the phenomenal story of Nat King Cole, the incredible odds that this son of an Alabama preacher was up against and how the young jazz pianist became a worldwide singing sensation. Coping with insurmountable obstacles along the way Nat was a groundbreaker and became the first performer of color to star in his own TV program leading the way for generations to come.

Jazz singer Don Stewart, with a unique style and a rich voice capable of great emotional power and sensitivity, tells the stories of love, hurt and joy in a memorable and beautiful performance that will leave audience members transfixed. Stewart has developed a sophisticated, elegant style that is as 'unforgettable' as Nat King Cole himself, and is sure to enchant all who hear him. "My thing is, nobody can be Nat King Cole," says Stewart, "So I don't even want to try. I just present what happened."

On stage, Stewart serves as Narrator in ***Unforgettable*** and moves in and out of character as required telling the story of Cole's life through scenes, stories and over 40 memorable songs, including popular hits like Sweet Lorraine, Rambling Rose, Autumn Leaves and many more! Accompanying him is Special Guest **Cayla Brooke** who

portrays the equally legendary Peggy Lee and a live jazz band led by Vancouver jazz pianist and musical director Ron Johnston. Join Stewart as he examines Nat King Cole's relationships with the key people in his life packaged along with those unforgettable hit songs which have become part of the soundtrack of our lives.

Come to the Centre on March 2 and see why Cole won the love of millions and became the most recognizable American voice since Sinatra. Book your seat and surrender your ears to the sweet sounds of the ultimate story teller, call the Centre Box Office 604-391-SHOW(7469).

Unforgettable; the Music of Nat King Cole is generously sponsored by Soprema, Barton Hub, Amax Security Plus, Sutton Group Showplace Realty, MNP, Odlum Brown, Bathe Plumbing, The Chilliwack Times, Star FM, The City of Chilliwack, Department of Canadian Heritage and the British Columbia Arts Council.

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Additional Information

[Don Stewart's website](#)

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Don studied acting with William Davis, and has done theatre, film and television work, from X-Files, to The Nat King Cole story ever since. Meanwhile he has 3 new CDs coming out in addition to his first two and one of the new CDs consists entirely of original tunes by Don and his songwriting collaborator the great Canadian jazz pianist Miles Black. Don previously put out two CDs of his own unique cover stylings, and played many concerts and clubs, building a reputation for great shows, and developing a coterie of great musicians who love to play with him.

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Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Since opening the Chilliwack Cultural Centre September 2010, over 44,800 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$750,000. 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
- 168 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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