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IMAGINATIONS WILL SOAR IN THE OLD WEST

CHILLIWACK, BC— Saddle up for the most exciting ride of your life! For a topsy turvy time, bring the little ones to an upbeat afternoon performance on **March 10th**, 2pm and 4pm, when the **Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society** presents ***Pecos Bill: A Tall Tale***. Celebrating all the rootin' tootin' tales of the old west, **Oregon Shadow Theatre** will capture the imagination of your little ones. This is a show sure to delight both young children and adults alike.

In the folklore of the American West, ***Pecos Bill*** has been called the creator of the Rio Grande, the lasso, the rodeo, and the first cowboy songs. The **Oregon Shadow Theatre** production follows Bill from his childhood (raised by coyotes!), through his adventures (fighting mythical beasts, riding a cyclone, falling in love with a woman

who rides a catfish!), to the inevitable settling of the West. The loose and lively movements of the shadow figures and visual effects combine with sounds of hammered dulcimer, harmonica and various sound effects devices combine to create a fantastic rendition of *Pecos Bill: A Tall Tale*.

Mick Doherty, an accomplished performing and studio musician, takes on the character of an old man who was a cowboy "back in them days..." Visible down stage from the shadow screen, the old man shares the story of *Pecos Bill*. The storyteller fades into darkness as the characters come to life with colorful shadow puppets. Deb Chase, who has specialized in the magic of shadow puppetry for twenty-five years, brings the puppets to life as Doherty provides musical and sound effects accompaniment. Both Doherty and Chase create a world of wonder and excitement when telling the story of *Pecos Bill*, and are to be praised for their exquisite, colorful puppets, live music, sound effects, and lively good humor!

Oregon Shadow Theatre is a Portland Oregon based company specializing in the art of shadow puppetry. Their award-winning shadow plays have toured across the United States and in Canada. Among many honours, **Oregon Shadow Theatre** has twice received the Unima Citation for Excellence in the Art of Puppetry, the "Oscars" of American puppetry created by the late Jim Henson.

Pecos Bill - A Tall Tale is a wild ride that provides wonderful live original music, an exciting tale, and is fun for the whole family! Get your ticket early - tickets only \$10

for a show you and your children will love. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469)

Pecos Bill - A Tall Tale is generously sponsored by The Chilliwack Progress, Canada Safeway, KPMG, Sutton Group Showcase Realty, Hallmark Promotions, City of Chilliwack, Vancity, Emil Anderson, and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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Additional Information

[Oregon Shadow Theatre](#) is a Portland based company specializing in the ancient art of shadow puppetry. Their shadow plays have toured the United States and Canada, including performances at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and the Center For Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, Georgia.

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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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