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Photo Description: Professor Aronnax and Captain Nemo dive outside of the nautilus and encounter a dolphin in Tears of Joy Theatre's production of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea".

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## IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A FANTASTICAL UNDERWATER ADVENTURE

CHILLIWACK, BC— Jump aboard the Nautilus and journey to a world filled with fascinating creatures and exciting stories. Join the **Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society** as they present the exhilarating tale of *20,000 Leagues Under The Sea* on **Sunday, November 17 at 2pm**. Returning to The Centre with a delightful puppetry performance is the incredibly talented team from **Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre** with the story based on Jules Verne's 1870 classic science fiction novel. Hold your breath and submerge yourself into an underwater adventure that's perfect for all ages.

In a **Tears of Joy Theatre** performance, puppetry is enlarged, taken on stage and combined with the tradition of classical theatrical performing. The company's beautifully designed puppets will blow you away as they come to life. A show that captures the suspension of disbelief, Jules Verne's renowned, ***20,000 Leagues Under The Sea*** tale will leave the audience gasping at the breathtaking sets and fanciful creatures.

Two very enthusiastic Jules Verne fans tell the story of **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** like it's never been told before. In this production, some of the most exciting scenes from the book are presented, combining humor with the science and technology imagined by Verne, much of it predicted with astonishing accuracy. Nancy Aldrich, the visionary director behind ***20,000 Leagues***, believes that the use of a steampunk design, a sub-genre of science fiction that typically features steam-powered machinery, was essential in bringing this age old story into a new whimsical era.

The Mission of **Tears of Joy Theatre** is to produce, develop, and present puppet theatre in a way that celebrates the diversity of world cultures; teaching children and enriching their lives by helping them experience, create, and perform art with professional artists - and ***20,000 Leagues*** is no exception! **Tears of Joy Theatre** has received a Washington State Governor's Arts Award and a Young Audiences Sunburst Award for its "exemplary commitment to arts in education." Four of the theatre's productions have received American puppetry's highest honor, The Citation of

Excellence in the Art of Puppetry from UNIMA-USA. Recognized as one of the nation's outstanding puppet theatres, **Tears of Joy Theatre** is known internationally for its innovation and excellence.

This delightful kid friendly production is poignant, charming and conveys a relatable message; the encouragement of young people to use their imaginations! Don't miss this fun, rollicking, family-friendly adaptation of the classic science fiction story that provides audiences with a positive message, wonderful original music, 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)

***20,000 Leagues Under The Sea*** is generously sponsored by The Drive, Emil Anderson Construction, Rona, Canada Safeway, KPMG, Fraser Valley Custom Printers, the Royal Hotel, the Chilliwack Times, the Department of Canadian Heritage, and the City of Chilliwack.

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### **Additional Information**

#### [Tears of Joy Theatre](#)

*Besides their extensive touring program, Tears of Joy Theatre is the resident theatre company at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts where they present six productions each year, for a total of over 100 performances.*

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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, and offices, and is home to the Chilliwack Academy of Music. Since opening in 2010, over 120,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding 1,800,000. Overseen by The Chilliwack Arts and Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City of Chilliwack, other partners in the project include The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association, and The Chilliwack Players Guild.

***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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