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CHILLIWACK, BC – You’ll be entranced with awe and wonder when illusionist extraordinaire **Vitaly Beckman** dazzles the audience over a three-day stint at the Cultural Centre on **February 14, 15, and 16 2014**. With his performance featuring object levitation, making people disappear from photographs, and escaping from chains using only his mind, Vitaly will be performing an array of unique and self-invented illusions that bring his belief that “dreams can become reality” to life in the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre.

Vitaly is so much more than “your typical magician”, and his unbelievable talents have taken him from his native home of Belarus to perform internationally in theatres, at corporate events, and on TV and radio shows, before settling in

Vancouver. Now famed as one of Canada's most acclaimed and entertaining magicians, Vitaly has gained a reputation as an entrancing and mind-blowing performer who breaks down boundaries to let his audiences imaginations roam into the realm of the impossible. Through keenly observing human behaviour and our innate fascination with the magical, Vitaly has built an awe-inspiring show based upon "the realization of our dreams and the celebration of the human spirit", and that taps heavily into the performing arts background of stage-show magic. For Vitaly, his illusions are more than tricks of the eye or sleight of hand; instead he's fascinated by the artistic elements and theatrics of each trick in his magical repertoire, and incorporates this into the creation of his bewildering illusions. You'll be astounded beyond words as Vitaly brings drawings to life, gives a paintbrush a mind of its own, and even makes people disappear from their own driver's licenses. "Some of my tricks tend to be more artistic, some tend to be more fun and entertaining, and some have a message behind them", says Vitaly, so whatever he chooses to fascinate the Cultural Centre audiences with over his three day appearances, you can be sure it'll be more than pulling a rabbit from a hat!

Vitaly's infatuation with the artistic potential of magical performance began when he first watched a David Copperfield special at age 14. After wowing friends and family with his seemingly impossible illusions, Vitaly's ability to create new and imaginative tricks led him to realise that he could conjure up a stage-show like no other magician performing today. Departing from his family home in Haifa, Israel and leaving behind a career in engineering, Vitaly took his talents to international stages, honing his uniquely artistic approach to illusion before coming to Vancouver in 2008 and amazing local audiences, leading him to be featured on CBC News, in the Vancouver Sun, and The Province. Vitaly's highly intimate and engaging method of interacting

with his audience, in addition to his celebration of the imagination and wonderment of the fantastic that he believes all humans possess, has led him to gain a reputation as one of the most captivating and enjoyable illusionists performing in the world today.

“...Vitaly’s work is of magical simplicity. Objects disappear, reappear, and levitate with such startling, real-world matter-of-factness that the wonder of these moments is all the more great. There is a concrete-ness to the show that excites the imagination.”

Vancouver Weekly

Vitaly’s run of three shows at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre will be a series of nights packed with awe and entertainment that is guaranteed to amaze anybody from ages thirteen to 113, and is an incredible opportunity to catch this fast-rising star of illusion before he snaps his fingers and disappears! Be sure to reserve early before the tickets join him, and call 604-391-SHOW(7469) to book your seat!

An Evening of Wonders is proud to be sponsored by Sutton Showplace Realty, Chilliwack Progress, Department of Canadian Heritage, City of Chilliwack, British Columbia Arts Council, and the Province of British Columbia.

Additional Information

Vitaly's personal website <http://www.sensationofmagic.com/>

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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 Chilliwack Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, over 150,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding 2,000,000. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City, and boasts The Chilliwack Academy of Music, The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association and The Chilliwack Players Guild as partners.

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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