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SENSATIONAL CELLIST ARIEL BARNES DAZZLES US INTO A NEW SEASON

CHILLIWACK, BC—Enjoy an intimate morning featuring two mesmerizing musicians pairing piano and cello on **Friday October 4 at 10:30am**. The Rotary Hall Studio Theatre will come alive as the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society, partnering with The Chilliwack Academy of Music, welcome the talents of *Sarah Hagen* and *Ariel Barnes*. Performing profoundly moving pieces ranging from Schumann to Shostakovich, Hagen will take us on a musical journey with her special guest - a perfectly lovely way to spend a morning!

Sarah Hagen with special guest Ariel Barnes is a superb 2013/14 Season opener; it's the embodiment of classical excellence, with a hint of playfulness. The Series features world renowned pianist **Sarah Hagen**, who has performed in Carnegie Hall

three times this year alone. **The Rain Mountain Classical Music Series** showcases the finest musicians that she has had the pleasure of working with. You won't want to miss this series as Sarah and her guest share their enthusiastic approach to life, stories, and musical insights.

A rarity of musical excellence, technical ease and tonal purity, Canadian pianist **Sarah Hagen** has been heard in concert halls and on the airwaves to critical acclaim throughout North America and Europe. Her interpretations have been described as outstandingly inventive and performed with infinite skill. Sarah's motivation is the belief that music has the power to be a window into our souls regardless of age or knowledge. A visionary and an idealist, Sarah's performances are conceptually innovative, often involving photography, dance and theatre. She is the Artistic Director for Pro'ject Sound, a performance project involving live piano with large-scale projected images.

Described by the Vancouver Sun as having a luscious tone and technical prowess, cellist **Ariel Barnes** has been engaging audiences with his imaginative interpretations and commanding stage presence. Equally comfortable in musical languages ranging from the Baroque to the music of our modern times, Ariel's performances range from evenings of unaccompanied Bach to world premieres of contemporary art music. Critically acclaimed by the press, he has been hailed as a rising star by the Georgia Straight, a surprising standout by the KW Gazette, a new wave by Labadie Nouvelle and a musician of real stature by the Vancouver Sun. His solo and chamber music

recordings have been nominated for a Juno Award and two Western Canadian Music Awards.

Don't miss ***Sarah Hagen with special guest Ariel Barnes***, as this amazing first offering in the 2013/14 Season is sure to be a marvelous morning of classical musings and artistic exploration. Each performance in the **Rain Mountain Classical Music Series** will also feature refreshments and treats provided courtesy of Sardis Bakery, a perfect addition to this mid-morning performance.

Buy your tickets early for this intimate morning performance showcasing some of the region's elite musicians! Tickets are \$27 for Adults, \$24 for Seniors, and \$22 for Students. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) for more information.

Sarah Hagen with special guest Ariel Barnes is generously sponsored by Sardis Bakery, the Chilliwack Times, the Department of Canadian Heritage, the City of Chilliwack, the British Columbia Arts Council, and the Province of British Columbia.

Create Your Own Series and Save! Purchase tickets for three or more different performances and save \$5 per ticket! (*Shows must be bought at the same time to qualify*) Subscriptions are only available by phone or in person at The Centre Box Office.

Additional Information

Sarah Hagen

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Ariel Barnes

Cellist Ariel Barnes is a highly sought after performer, being recognized on CBC Radio Canada on such programs as In Performance, The Signal, Tempo, West Coast Performance, Choral Concert and On Stage, and he was recently selected as one of 6 cellists across the nation to celebrate the launch of cbcmusic.ca as a featured artist in the Canadian Bach Cello Suite Project.

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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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