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FUN CHARACTERS, RIDDLES AND RHYMES GALORE

CHILLIWACK, BC - Treat the kids on **December 15** to a wondrously entertaining children's theatre show at **2pm** when the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society presents **Last Leaf Theatre's** delightfully original adaptation of one of the most popular myths of ancient Greece, ***Hercules and the Golden Apple***. Follow the adventures of Hercules as he faces many obstacles and solves the riddles and rhymes placed in his path on a mystical quest to find the rare golden apple.

Twelve tasks are given to Hercules to complete so he can make amends for a terrible past deed, the eleventh of these being the task of retrieving a golden apple from the Garden of Hesperides. The garden belongs to the ancient goddess Hera, and to steal an apple from her most prized possession, a tree that produces golden fruit, is no easy feat. First he must

actually find out where the secret site is located. To find it Hercules has to use all of his great strength and wits to follow the many clues and solve riddles that Hera places in his path to distract him. It is the type of quest that requires a true hero and someone who is not only strong but also smart, so *Hercules* must frequently ask for help from audience members to complete his quest successfully. This fun and interactive show is packed full of colorful characters including Atlas the giant, who holds up the sky, the sphinx of Egypt, the old man of the sea, and two very vain water nymphs.

In their fifteenth year performing for children and communities in the Pacific Northwest, **Last Leaf** is a touring company made up of four actors who portray the characters in the story. Each show lasts approximately 45 - 50 minutes, depending on the amount of audience participation, and actors will answer questions and sign autographs after the performance. Filled with fun personalities, riddles, and rhymes *Hercules and the Golden Apple* is an interactive theatre experience appropriate for young audiences between ages three and twelve but is designed to engage and entertain parents and older children as well.

Don't miss out on this wonderful tale from ancient Greece, '*Hercules and the Golden Apple*', full of colorful mythical characters and a fun filled adaptation of one of the iconic hero's most famous labors. Tickets are only \$10. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) and reserve your seats today!

Hercules and the Golden Apple is generously sponsored by 89.5 The Drive, Emil Anderson Construction, Glenco, KPMG, Pricemart, The Chilliwack Progress, The Department of Canadian Heritage and The City of Chilliwack.

<http://www.lastleaf99.org/childrensprogram.html>

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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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