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BY JOVE! IT'S HOLMES AND WATSON!

CHILLIWACK, BC – The game's afoot! The world's favourite detective Sherlock Holmes and his faithful sidekick Doctor Watson are back to try and solve the mystery of Queen Victoria's secret, foil their arch nemesis Professor Moriarty, and save the Empire once again in this family-friendly musical jaunt to the 19th century! Come and be transported through time on **March 7, 2014**, when *Holmes and Watson Save the Empire* hits the Cultural Centre's main stage!

The ever-intrepid Holmes and Watson are called upon once again to defend Her Majesty's honour by preserving Queen Victoria's secret; a perilous pearl of imperial intrigue that is endangered by the dastardly Professor Moriarty and his plot to overthrow the British monarchy. Armed with song, dance, and an eccentric patriotic purpose, the daredevil Holmes

and Watson embark upon a quest to unravel these mysterious machinations against Queen and Country, and their escapades are packed with wit, wile, and wacky slapstick comedy!

Bringing the classic Music Hall tradition of the Victorian era to life for audiences almost two centuries later, *Holmes and Watson Save the Empire* is colourful, eccentric and, quirky musical extravaganza, featuring elaborate costumes and a set that flaunts period style.

Singing and dancing their way to the heart of another confounding mystery, the daring duo of Holmes and Watson are portrayed by **Damon Calderwood** and **Gordon Roberts**, veteran Vancouver performers who received huge acclaim for their fresh and exciting interpretation of the classic Canadian play "*Billy Bishop Goes to War*". Coming together once again for *Holmes and Watson Save the Empire*, Damon and Gordon's incredible dynamic and ability to tune into one another bursts from the stage as they take the audience on a journey filled with duets, quirky choreography, and the comic talents of these two seasoned performers. Damon and Gordon's ability to invigorate the great institution of Holmes and Watson with comic charm, musical magnetism, and bags of British bombast has quite literally earned them outstanding ovations, with *Holmes and Watson Save the Empire* winning the *Outstanding Ensemble Production* category at the **2014 Vancouver Ovation Awards**. By George! They've certainly got it!

"These two are so well matched as actors and singers that you will be guaranteed a good time!"

Trilby Jeeves,

Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance

“Full of witty song, this is a hilarious romp through the strange world of deduction as the dynamic duo try to figure out Queen Victoria’s secret. The songs are upbeat and well executed, completing this delightful night at the theatre. A must see for Sherlock Holmes fans!”

Tessa Perkins, Press Plus One

So make sure to grab your sleuthing hat and pipe and prepare for laughs when *Holmes and Watson Save the Empire* comes to the Cultural Centre this March! Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) or visit www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca

Holmes and Watson Save the Empire is generously sponsored by Dickens Sweets and British Museum, Coast Capital Savings, Chilliwack Players Guild, The Chilliwack Times, Department of Canadian Heritage, City of Chilliwack, British Columbia Arts Council and The Province of British Columbia.

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Additional Information

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_XfHI4aSYw

Holmes and Watson Save the Empire Promo Video

<http://aceproductions.ca/holmes-and-watson-save-the-empire/>

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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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