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STRIKING PASSIONATE CHORDS WITH JOAN BLACKMAN

CHILLIWACK, BC— A collaboration of exquisite harmonies and resonating beauty will encompass the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre with the pairing of piano and violin on **Friday, November 8 at 10:30am**. The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society, partnering with The Chilliwack Academy of Music, welcomes the combined talents of renowned musicians *Sarah Hagen* and *Joan Blackman*. Sarah takes us on another musical journey with her special guest as they perform profoundly moving classical pieces - a perfectly lovely way to spend a morning!

Sarah Hagen with special guest Joan Blackman is the second installment in the **The Rain Mountain Classical Music Series**; it's the embodiment of classical music excellence, with a hint of playfulness. "At the concert's end I felt I couldn't applaud loud enough to show my appreciation to the performers for making me feel so deliriously filled with pleasure and gratitude." said local resident Jody Cameron after Sarah's first concert with Ariel Barnes last month.

You won't want to miss the performances in this series as she shares with the audience her enthusiastic approach to life, her stories, and musical insights.

Joining Sarah is the Associate Concertmaster of the Vancouver Symphony, **Joan Blackman**. Sought after as a first class chamber musician throughout North America, she enjoys a vibrant musical life playing violin in the orchestra. Artistic Director of the Vetta Chamber Music and Recital Society, she programs and performs with the best of BC talent along with invited guests from afar. **Joan** has performed and recorded as soloist with Vancouver Symphony, Victoria Symphony, CBC Radio Orchestra, and the Banff Festival Orchestra. She is also a member of the acclaimed American String Project, which brings together concertmasters and soloists throughout North America. An active teacher, **Joan** gives master classes throughout B.C. and has performed and recorded as a soloist with Vancouver Symphony, Victoria Symphony, CBC Radio Orchestra, and the Banff Festival Orchestra.

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, 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.

Don't miss ***Sarah Hagen with special guest Joan Blackman***, as this spectacular second installment 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 Joan Blackman is generously sponsored by Sardis Bakery, The Chilliwack Progress, 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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[Joan Blackman](#)

Violinist Joan Blackman has appeared on the series Music in the Morning, Music Fest Vancouver, the Pender Harbour Music Society Concert Series, The Jeffrey Concerts in London, Ont., and at several summer festivals including the Hornby Island Festival, Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival, and the Victoria Summer Music Festival. She is frequently heard in recital broadcasts on CBC radio.

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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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