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MASTER OF ILLUSION MAKES A RETURN

CHILLIWACK, BC – Back by popular demand at the Cultural Centre this fall, the incredible and unbelievable Master of Illusion, **Vitaly Beckman**, will be conjuring up another *Evening of Wonders* on **October 12, 2014**, and now at a **second show** added on **October 19!** If you missed the spectacular performances of this awe-inspiring illusionist last season, don't panic, because here's your second chance to experience the magic that repeatedly sold out the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre back in February!

Vitaly's three day stint of shows at the Cultural Centre brought sold out audiences into his realm of mystery, with Vitaly bringing his belief that "dreams can become reality" to life before their eyes. Witnessing an array of unique and self-invented illusions, the Cultural Centre audience gasped as Vitaly escaped from chains using only his mind, gave paintbrushes a mind of their own, and even made people disappear from their very own Drivers' Licenses! Leaving the real world behind for this fantastic weekend of wonder, the Chilliwack audience had a great time with Vitaly, and he can't wait to return to our city! "I had an amazing time with the great hospitality of the Chilliwack Cultural Centre and of course fantastic and

dynamic audience” he tells us. “It was also great to meet and chat with many of the fans after the show. What I like about the Rotary Hall Studio is its intimate, smaller nature, which is great for magic and illusion. Unlike larger venues, it allows the audience to see the magic from up-close and it allows me to see them and their reaction. It’s a great venue for an interactive show! I am really looking forward to coming back!”

This passion for an interactive and intimate audience experience was reflected in the amazing response Vitaly received back in February, with audience members joining him on stage to make his mind-bending illusions even more unbelievable. Bringing each person into his world of magic and mystery, Vitaly breaks down the wall between audience and performer, giving *An Evening of Wonders* an intimate atmosphere unmatched by other magic shows. Vitaly tells us this approach adds even more excitement to the performance. “Since the show is interactive, and so much is up to the audience, it is never the same and it’s always fresh. It’s a lot of fun to involve the people and let them be part of the show instead of having them just watch”, he says, before adding cheekily, “it’s all good clean fun though, no one is being humiliated!”

With an astounded audience ranging from the young to the young at heart, *An Evening of Wonders* was a huge success, reflecting the unique and enduring appeal that magic has for people of all ages. This belief has inspired Vitaly in his fast-rising career, motivating him to continue helping people escape the real world, even if it’s just for an evening. “I actually think that there is a human need to experience magic” he tells us. “I also think that it is a natural state of mind to see wonder in the world, everywhere we look. Children notice it; for them the world is filled with wonder, everything seems to be magical. However when we grow older, life sometimes becomes like a routine, and we start to take things for granted. Magic makes us feel like a child again. The "walls of the impossible" melt down and for a moment we feel free. For a moment, it is the "impossible" that feels like an illusion. And maybe it is!”

Join Vitaly on his next adventure to the realm of the impossible when *An Evening of Wonders* returns on October 12, 2014. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW (7469) or visit chilliwackculturalcentre.ca and get your advance tickets before Vitaly clicks his fingers and they disappear!

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Additional Information

[Vitaly Beckman's website](#)

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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 188,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$2,600,000. 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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