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## Quintessential Canadian Rockers treat Chilliwack to an exceptional night of music.

CHILLIWACK, BC - Rock and roll has been a long road for **Barney Bentall**, but he says he has no plans to stop following it any time soon. And next month, that old familiar road brings him to the HUB International Theatre alongside fellow Canadian rockers **Jim Byrnes** and **John Mann**. These three pillars of the classic Canadian rock and roll scene appear together for a handful of performances this Fall. Catching **Bentall, Byrnes & Mann** on stage will be one of the liveliest shows of the season—one you won't want to miss! They'll be telling stories and playing more than a few classic songs in what promises to be an intimate evening bursting with stories and incredible music on **November 2, 2014**.

After all, these three musicians have paid their dues in the business, with 25 albums and 100 years of rock and roll touring between them, getting that kind of experience in one place, Bentall says, is a joy for both the musicians and the audience. "They're just tremendous musicians — those guys all come in so prepared," Bentall says of the show. As individuals these musicians have played, and

sold out, shows all across British Columbia before heading to the Fraser Valley, and it looks like Chilliwack audiences sure are in for a treat.

**Barney Bentall** is glad to bring his music on this tour – after all, it’s a passion he just can’t seem to stay away from. After a seven-year stint as a cattle rancher between 2000 and 2007, he decided to pick up his guitar and get back on the road, and hasn’t looked back since. “The last seven years have been a great continuation of the journey,” Bentall writes on his website. He’s lived and travelled all across Canada, and that quintessential Canadian spirit seeps into his music like campfire smoke. Rock, folk, and bluegrass all find their way into his music; it doesn’t stay in a single genre, which is something he shares with Byrnes and Mann too.

**Jim Byrnes** hails from the heart of blues country in St. Louis, Missouri, a hometown that takes centre stage as the album title of his most recent release: *St. Louis Blues*, with Steve Dawson. “Two swipes with death, one resulting in the loss of his legs, and some pretty hard knocks” haven’t slowed him down one bit, the rocker has been going strong since he picked up the blues guitar at age 13 and has no plans to stop. He brings a sweet smokiness to the trio with his lifelong love of blues—and it’s that quiet, deep joy that hypnotizes his audiences, just like the winding water of the Mississippi River that winds through his childhood city.

**John Mann** completes the trio with a classic rock background from in a little band called *Spirit of the West* - not to mention an alternative folk sound as a solo artist nicknamed Mister Mann. His music has only expanded in depth and soul in the last few years; between a fight with cancer and an announcement this month that he has been diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer’s, he’s learned to treasure the good things in life. It’s easy to take the small things too lightly, he says—and after his medical struggles, he’s become more patient, more thankful, and brought that soulfulness to his music. “I’m the kid they cut apart, stitched back up, then grew a softer heart,” he croons in “Thank You” from his most recent album. And despite the Alzheimer’s diagnosis, he plans to keep on keeping on. “I don’t want to spend any more energy trying to hide my symptoms,” he writes in a blog post. “I will continue to make music and I will continue to do shows... because this is what I do and what I love.”

It’s fair to say that love of music and performance drive all three of these Canadian rockers—and that passion will illuminate the HUB International Theatre when ***Bentall, Byrnes & Mann*** take to the stage on November 2, 2014. This performance promises not only fantastic Canadian classics,

but heart—which all three of these legendary musicians have in spades. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors, and \$30 for students. Get yours today by calling the box office at 604-392-SHOW (7469) or by visiting The Centre online at [chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://chilliwackculturalcentre.ca).

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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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