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EXPLORE A CIRCUS WONDERLAND!

CHILLIWACK, BC - Get ready for a whirling ride of colour and acrobatics - and Alice Through the Looking Glass as you've never seen it before!

CircusWest brings *A Circus in Wonderland* to the HUB International Stage on **December 14 at 2pm** in what promises to be one of the most breath-taking displays of athletic and creative prowess of the season.

The familiar Wonderland characters take on brand new roles in the world created by **CircusWest**: meet the Jabberwocky on stilts, watch the acrobatic antics of Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, and cheer on Alice as she navigates her way across a giant chessboard with trickery only circus training could provide!

This immersive experience is a blend of theatre, circus performance, art show, and more.

Projections provide a vibrant background for the constant action as a multitude of performers bend, twist, and swing through a world where up is down and front is back.

And perhaps most amazingly of all, the performers are all between the ages of 12 and 19, proving age is no barrier when creating and putting on a fantastic show.

“The CirKids have put in many years to learn, develop, and refine their special skills,” says artistic director Jay Nunns. “The challenge we have is that we are also building skills at the same time that we are constructing the show. It’s a fine balance that we endeavour to manage each year.”

The result is a twirling kaleidoscope of colour and action, from unicycles, to aerial acrobatics, to tightrope walking. Feats of balance, flexibility, and agility follow each other one after another in an action-packed performance that puts audiences on the edge of their seats.

The performers twirl and bounce across the stage, flying high on ribbons and trapezes, bounding in and around a giant castle made of cards. In one particularly stunning act of balance, the performers stack eight bicycles into a tower - and ride the result around the stage.

This is a perfect circus show for the whole family, making a great introduction to carnival acts for all ages. *A Circus in Wonderland* shows off the best in young talent - and might just inspire your kids to take up acrobatics in their spare time. After all, that’s how many of the current performers got their start in the wild and whirling world of circus antics.

Travis Paterson is a performance student at **CircusWest**. He started with the troupe in Grade 5, after a field trip to see a one of their shows.

“I remember it so clearly - sitting back in the seats, being so into it,” he says. “The show hadn’t even started yet and I was in love!”

On December 14, **CircusWest** will be bringing that passion and excitement to the HUB International Theatre. Paired with rollicking action and one of the most classic storylines of all time, the result is a show that you won’t want to miss.

Tickets are available now from the Chilliwack Cultural Centre box office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) or online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca. Tickets are only \$10 a seat, making this the perfect show for a family outing.

A Circus in Wonderland is generously sponsored by The Chilliwack Progress, Little Mountain Greenhouses, the City of Chilliwack, Glenco Electric, Coast Capital Savings, the Province of British Columbia, 89.5 The Drive, Fraser Valley Custom Printers, Gidney Signs, Tim Hortons, the Department of Canadian Heritage, KPMG, and the British Columbia Arts Council.

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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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