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LOCAL COUNTRY STAR BACK IN BC!

CHILLIWACK, BC – *Lisa Brokop's* journey has taken her from her home in Surrey, British Columbia, to reside in Nashville, Tennessee, but on **September 3, 2014**, this star of Canadian country music will be making a return to the Lower Mainland for a fantastic performance at Chilliwack Cultural Centre! Packing up her soothing voice and rustic charm, Lisa's trip North will be an exciting opportunity to catch one of Canada's most enduring and appealing country singers on her home turf as she celebrates her career's 20th anniversary.

Lisa's love-affair with country music has been a lifelong infatuation. From performing on stage with her family at only 7 years of age, to landing her first record deal at 19, and releasing the critically acclaimed albums '*Every Little Girls Dream*', and self-titled '*Lisa Brokop*', Lisa has lived and loved country music. Ever since then she has built her reputation as a fantastic performer, talented song-writer, and a charismatic personality that loves to connect with her fans through the honesty and allure of her

music. It's this relationship that Lisa believes has enabled her to enjoy such a long and enduring career. "Country fans are the most loyal fans in the world!" she tells us proudly. "I'm celebrating 20 years of touring throughout Canada/US this year, and really much of that celebration is directed towards the fans. Year after year they keep coming back and supporting me, and I'm so grateful for that! If it weren't for the fans I wouldn't be celebrating this milestone!"

Of course this isn't the first milestone Lisa has made over that amazing 20 year career. From the Canadian-Certified Gold Award for 'Every Little Girl's Dream', to her Top 10 hit 'Better off Broken', and her regular recognition by the Canadian Country Music Awards, including two nods for Best Independent Song of the year and three consecutive trophies for Independent Artist of the Year, Lisa has made her mark on the country music scene time and time again. Not ready to sit back and admire her achievements just yet though, Lisa is marking her 20 year anniversary with her brand new eighth album, and the powerhouse debut single 'Let it Burn' that is set to sweep Canadian country airwaves this fall! The inspiration for her music has changed a little since she was a 19 year old, but those simple country-girl impulses still fills Lisa's sound and creativity, as she reveals. "I'm inspired by many things, but it seems the things that really fill me up these days are the simple ones. My little girl is turning five, and seeing the world through her eyes is pretty cool! Her imagination is so colourful, and very inspiring."

Although Lisa might have settled a long way from BC in the American south; the spiritual home of the music that has defined her style and career, her heart still firmly rests in the beautiful scenery and rural allure of the British Columbia. The opportunity for Lisa to head back to the area in which her dream began is something she can't miss, and she is keen to tell us how excited she is to offer her rousing country ballads and stunning voice for the people of Chilliwack! "I'm a proud Canadian, no doubt about that, and I always LOVE coming back to the Fraser Valley. Of course I get to see my family and the crowd is always full of familiar faces. I never know what blast from the past is gonna appear when I'm close to home, and I can't wait to play at the HUB International Theatre for the first time!"

So come and kick back with an evening of soothing country charm with Lisa Brokop this September. To book tickets, call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) or visit www.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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