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A MORNING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC SPLENDOR

CHILLIWACK, BC – After a range of luxurious duet performances in our last season, the Cultural Centre is thrilled to welcome back dazzling Vancouver pianist **Sarah Hagen** for our next season of *Classical Music*! These concerts begin with complimentary tea, coffee, and delicious baked treats courtesy of Sardis Bakery before flowing into a morning of beautiful and uplifting classical music. Once again Sarah will be appearing alongside a variety of guests and showcasing the talents of spectacular musicians from across a range of disciplines, beginning with the critically-acclaimed Polish flautist **Krzysztof Kaczka** on **October 24, 2014** at 10:30am.

Krzysztof's training and talents with the flute have taken him from his native Poland to every corner of the globe. After studying extensively throughout Europe, including in Germany, France, and Austria, Krzysztof's repeated successes at international competitions led him on to his Carnegie Hall debut, as well as concerts in Australia and Italy. In keeping with his international credentials, Krzysztof is both the principle

flutist of the Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra in China, and holds a place as an Artist in Residence at the Banff Centre for the Arts. Such a huge range of experience and travel has led Krzysztof to perform alongside an unbelievable range of musicians, and eventually brought him to cross paths with Sarah, the shining star of Canadian Classical Music! “Krzysztof and I have a funny way of meeting up in unlikely places” Sarah revealed with us. “We first met at the Banff Centre for the Arts, but really became friends when we ran into each other on a bridge in Paris! After our last British Columbia tour we ended up going to New York City to play at The Carnegie Hall together, and by a strange coincidence last May we were able to make a quick trip to Prague and it was there that we began to plan our programme for this autumn.” Sarah is keen to keep what to expect musically from their duet under wraps, but assures our audience that they will receive a dynamic and personable performance! “There will definitely be some Prokofiev on the menu and likely some Polish music. Krzysztof is an incredibly beautiful flautist and has a magical connection with audiences, and is also very charming and amusing!”

The profound connection with the audience Sarah speaks of is a definitive element of these mornings of classical music, and is something that Sarah herself has gained a reputation for conjuring through her dynamic and innovative style. Sarah’s audiences were enamored by her intimate presence and performance at the Centre last season, and it seems that she was just as captivated by the positive energy as the rest of the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre! “Hands down what I most enjoy are the incredibly warm and receptive audiences at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. I think having everyone relaxing with their coffee around tables helps create a more intimate atmosphere. The guest artist and I can really feed off this and play our hearts out, and I think the exchange between artists and audience in the setting in Chilliwack becomes really magical. I also love that people feel free to come talk to the musicians afterwards; it really makes for an all-around enriching experience.”

So for the very best way to begin your day, come and enjoy this breathtaking performance when **Krzysztof Kaczka** and **Sarah Hagen** inspire the Cultural Centre

audience with their unparalleled musical connection on **October 24, 2014**. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) or visit www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca

Sarah Hagen with Special Guest Krzysztof Kaczka is generously sponsored by Sardis Bakery, The Royal Hotel, Chilliwack Progress, Department of Canadian Heritage, City of Chilliwack, British Columbia Arts Council, Province of British Columbia.

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Additional Information

[Sarah Hagen's website](#)

[Sarah Hagen & Krzysztof Kaczka in concert](#)

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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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