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A TEA PARTY YOU CERTAINLY WON'T FORGET!

CHILLIWACK, BC - Expect tea, merriment, and an outpouring of audience escapades when James and Jamesy, the duo behind *2 for Tea*, reveal their wonderfully weird and endearingly entertaining world at the Cultural Centre on **October 3 & 5, 2014!** For a theatre experience that has been described as “a truly fun riff on British farce steeped in playfulness, meticulous physical comedy, and an unabashed love for the unexpected”, join these two friends and avid tea-enthusiasts on the most fantastic of adventures; adventures that you would not believe could arise from a simple tea party...

James and Jamesy are two dear, mismatched friends that rely on their weekly tea parties to escape the routine and rigmarole of daily life. One half quirky, innocent recluse, and the other humble, world-weary normality, these two companions have formed a strong and peculiar relationship around their weekly ritual, and it is from these modest meetings that the extraordinary joyously erupts from the ordinary. Thanks to Jamesy's childlike quirks and James' modest personality, bizarre adventures blossom from the most unassuming of remarks, taking the two on an often improvised but perpetually playful journey into fanciful realms of happiness and glee. From conversing with the General of the British Army, to an ill-fated family photo shoot, and a kooky tea-party with a difference, there is no scenario too surreal to envelop these two innocent imaginations as they bond

over the clink of fine china. This freedom to explore the not-so-serious around us is what brought James and Jamesy to life, as Alistair Knowles and Aaron Malkin the creators, actors, and tea-drinkers of **2 for Tea**, reveal to us. “We believe that playing is good for humanity, and that imagination and whimsy are elements of childhood that tend to retreat as we become mature grown-ups”, they tell us. “As adults, our willingness to play may have declined, but it’s still there, and given the right circumstances, it can joyously erupt. In **2 for Tea**, we create opportunities where that spark of play is nurtured and fanned into a delightful blaze that illuminates the entire audience.”

Illuminating is the perfect way to describe **2 for Tea**, from the way it shines a profound sense of innocence and whimsicality from the stage, how it breaks down barriers of sensibility and routine, and in the outburst of positive energy that the show inspires in its audiences. Described by Tara Travis of Monster Theatre as “exquisite, the perfect show!”, and “a total laugh riot” by the Montreal Gazette, **2 for Tea** effortlessly imbues hysterical comedy with unforeseen heart and soul, and invites everybody to join in the fun! “We delight in creating scenarios where audiences are not only able to participate but are inspired to do so”, James and Jamesy go on. “Through one lens, one can see our shows as playtime where everyone’s invited. Through another, it’s a moving story that has audiences feeling closer to people in their lives.”

This delightful piece of theatre has taken the Canadian fringe circuit by storm, winning an endless stream of accolades from theatre critics, performers, audiences and more. Winning the Patron’s Pick at the Toronto and London Fringe Festival, Best of the Fest at the Winnipeg Fringe Fest, Most Memorable Performance from the Montreal Fringe Fest, and Best Physical Theatre at the Victoria Fringe seemingly wasn’t enough. James and Jamesy’s escapades were reviewed as “Complete and utter fun... Highly entertaining for all ages” and given a 5-star score by CBC Manitoba, deemed worthy of “Two spouts up!” according to the Montreal Gazette, and awarded praise as an unequivocal “bloody good time!” from the Charlebois Post!

There really is nothing left to do other than to come and see for yourself whatever fun and frolics these two companions have in store when they come by Chilliwack this fall. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW (7469) or visit chilliwackculturalcentre.ca and get your advance tickets for a tea party that you certainly won’t forget.

2 for Tea is generously sponsored by Tetley Tea, The Province of British Columbia, The Chilliwack Progress, Dickens Sweets and British Museum, Aromatica Fine Teas, Prime Signs, The British Columbia Arts Council, The Department of Canadian Heritage and The City of Chilliwack.

Additional Information

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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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