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High Resolution photo: [Sarah Hagen with Special Guest Benjamin Butterfield](#)

Description: Master pianist **Sarah Hagen** welcomes the world-renowned tenor and her long-time collaborator **Benjamin Butterfield** back to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre.
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Musical Mastery Meets Inspirational Ambience

CHILLIWACK, BC— The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society is thrilled to announce that the splendor and success of the opening installment of The Centre's 2015/16 *Classical Music Series* will continue with a special return by one of the stars of previous years. **Sarah Hagen** will welcome the world-renowned tenor and her long-time collaborator **Benjamin Butterfield** back to The Rotary Hall Studio Theatre at **10:30am on November 27, 2015**, for a duet sure to be flowing with inspirational ambience and captivating classical musicianship. For an utterly mesmerizing way to begin your day, make sure to join **Sarah Hagen with Benjamin Butterfield**, and experience the very best in British Columbia's musical talent!

Music has defined **Benjamin Butterfield's** life from the beginning. Raised in a musical family in Victoria, BC, his studies at Victoria Conservatory of Music, Banff Centre's Theatre Studio Ensemble and McGill University honed his magnificent voice into that

which has been heard in some of the most renowned venues in the world. His luxurious voice and astonishing musicianship have taken Benjamin on an international journey of musical mastery, performing with national orchestras and operas across North America, Europe, and Asia, before returning to his home on Vancouver Island, where he now presides as Associate Professor and Head of Voice at the University of Victoria.

In Carnegie Hall and London's Royal Albert Hall; in Italy, Greece, Germany, and more, and in both Operatic and Concert repertoires, **Benjamin Butterfield** has captivated audiences with his sonorous tone and 'clarion-voiced and vibrant' presence - and his return to the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre will present these world-class abilities in spellbinding intimacy once again.

'It was simply ravishing. Butterfield's absolutely gorgeous voice and total musicality suddenly had the capacity audience awed into silence'

- *Hamilton Spectator*

There may be no more exciting a partner for Benjamin in his appearance in Chilliwack than **Sarah Hagen**, the master pianist, storyteller, and contemporary classical music star that has both cultivated The Centre's fantastically successful morning concert series, and gained many accolades for her open, friendly, and personable performances. From winning the BC Touring Council's *2015 Touring Artist of the Year Award* to pioneering these informal concert formats, in which the performers mingle with the audience over complementary refreshments, **Sarah Hagen's** name has become synonymous with musical prowess and personable performance. Her flair, openness, and captivating approach to presenting music give each of Sarah's appearances at The Centre a special atmosphere, and with her last duet with Benjamin at The Centre in February 2014 proving a highlight of that season's **Classical**

Music Series, the return of these two performers to Chilliwack will capture virtuosity, creativity, and inspirational musical connection.

‘The level of passion that Hagen possesses - when it comes to experiencing, interpreting, and expressing art - is something quite extraordinary’

- *The Guardian (Charlottetown)*

So for an inspirational beginning to the day and an exemplary concert by a pair of British Columbia’s finest classical musicians, make sure to join ***Sarah Hagen with Benjamin Butterfield*** when they perform at The Centre at 10:30am on November 27, 2015.

Tickets are \$27 for adults, \$24 for seniors, and \$22 for students and are available at The Centre Box Office, visit www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca or call 604-391-SHOW(7469) for more information.

Sarah Hagen with Benjamin Butterfield is generously sponsored by: The Royal Hotel, Chilliwack Times, City of Chilliwack, British Columbia Arts Council, Province of British Columbia, and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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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 270,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding 3,6400,00. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City.

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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