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Prepare to be Astounded, Amazed and Entertained with Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders!

CHILLIWACK, BC— Shawn Farquhar's reputation as one of the world's leading magicians has led him on a global journey of wonder - from his home in Maple Ridge to his current month long tour of exotic Malaysia; sailing the seas performing on the world's best luxury cruise liners - and even performing in Bermuda on a formal request by British royalty. And the only magician in history to have won first place for both Stage and Sleight of Hand at the World Championship of Magic is making The Chilliwack Cultural Centre home for his upcoming series of fantastic shows - *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders!* Beginning on **October 30, 2015**, *The Cabaret of Wonders* will feature four shows throughout The Centre's 2015/16 presentation season, bringing those for which magic provides their passion, profession, and personality together in celebration and demonstration of this fascinating and entertaining art form.

An unparalleled display of magic performance and entertainment, *The Cabaret of Wonders* will not only feature Shawn Farquhar's unbelievable skills in the intimate setting of The Centre's Rotary Hall Studio Theatre, but will provide a platform for emerging and aspiring magicians to hone their skills in front of a live audience. Not only will the cabaret format of these shows provide an up-close-and-personal show, with performer and audience being separated only by the wonder being conjured in the room, but also an informal atmosphere that invites you to grab a drink, sit back, and enjoy the unmatched experience of watching magic unfold right before your eyes.

The perfect night to experience the wonder of magic (and an event sure to have even the most hardened of cynics on the edge of their seats) *The Cabaret of Wonders* is not only the ultimate way to explore the uniquely mysterious world of magic - according to Shawn, it's a space in which the next generation of performers may begin their own magical path. "In the past few years I have seen a number of venues popping up in place like Edinburgh, New York and Chicago that offer a place for professional magicians to work as a team" says Shawn, "but I wanted *The Cabaret of Wonders* to be more. A place where not only established magicians from around the globe could come to play, but where less experienced magicians could have an opportunity to perform alongside the best and learn from them too."

And the magical students in question could not ask for a better mentor in magic than the illustrious Shawn Farquhar. Raised in Maple Ridge, Shawn has tirelessly honed his craft to become one of the most renowned magicians in the world (and the very first magician to 'fool' Penn & Teller on their hit show 'Fool Us', and subsequently be invited to open for their world-famous Vegas show!), gathering dozens of accolades, awards, and air-miles along the way! "My career to date has been pretty fantastic" Shawn reflects. "I really have accomplished everything I set out to do when I decided to leave the comfort of a "real job" and perform magic for a living - including some things I never imagined. Travelling to Beijing, China to represent Canada in the World Olympics of Magic could be a highlight of my career... especially considering that I didn't just win the World Championship of Magic, I went on to win the Grand Prix of

sleight of hand, which is when the champions of each division challenge each other to find the best of the best - that was a pretty huge honour.” The first Canadian in history to win the Grand Prix and one of only five North American winners ever, Shawn’s magical resumé is literally one of the very best in the world - and after demonstrating this prowess to audiences from Vegas to London and Beijing and beyond, he’ll be bringing his unparalleled abilities to Chilliwack for you to experience.

“I’ve spent a lot of time travelling the world, and with *The Cabaret of Wonders* I am looking forward to Canadian audiences coming out and discovering that magic is not just for kids, but is an awesome way to spend an evening with friends” Shawn reveals. “I sure am excited to share my craft and introduce a few international stars of magic and few new faces throughout the series too. It’s ultimately my goal to educate and entertain audiences so they know what the rest of world already knows - magic is an art that transcends language, cultures and boundaries and has the ability to bring wonder into their lives. I can hardly wait to share!”

So make sure to join Shawn Farquhar and his magical entourage when *The Cabaret of Wonders* rolls into town for its first show on **Friday October 30, 2015!** Tickets for the full series are now available both online and from The Centre Box Office, so either visit www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca or call 604-391-SHOW(7469) to secure your tickets today!

Complete dates for *Shawn Farquhar’s Cabaret of Wonders* are as follows. Each event will feature different guest performers.

Friday, October 30, 2015

Friday, November 20, 2015

Friday, January 22, 2016

Friday, February 12, 2016

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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 3,6400,000. 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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