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Take a High-Flying Trip Over the Rainbow with The Circus of Oz!

CHILLIWACK, BC— Everybody knows the classical tale of Dorothy, Toto, and their adventure to The Emerald City... but nobody knows it quite like what you'll find when you take a trip down the Yellow Brick Road with the incredible *The Circus of Oz!* Coming to Chilliwack Cultural Centre at 2:00pm on October 25, 2015, *CircusWest* returns with their retelling of the heartwarming story of one little girl's adventures over the rainbow with a whole new twist (and tumble!), bringing the thrill and fun of circus arts into the mix to present a fantastically fun family day out the kids are sure to never forget.

Over the generations the well-loved story of The Wizard of Oz has taken countless audience members on a dreamlike voyage, meeting the unforgettable Scarecrow, Tin Man, and The Cowardly Lion, and more along the way. In a retelling that finds new

ways to visit an old tale, **CircusWest** have invigorated the narrative, added a local twist and of course filled Dorothy and Toto's exploits in a way only **CircusWest** could - by actually sending her flying through the air! "We updated the original story", says Artistic Director **Jay Nunns**, "and found a brand new way to tell it. So we have a lot of flying witches, we have Dorothy flying through the air to go over the rainbow, and we use all the different skills and disciplines from the circus." You're sure to have never experienced the trip to find the mysterious wizard with such dynamic energy and high-flying escapades!

The Circus of Oz, begins in a familiar way, with Dorothy and Toto trying to find their way back home after a cyclone takes them to the magical and mystical Land of Oz. Yet, **CircusWest** quickly put their stamp on proceedings, and along the way the inquisitive explorers befriend a brainy Scarecrow, the loving Tin Woodman, and a brave but Cowardly Lion! The kids will be captivated as Dorothy and co. make friends with the Glittering Good Witch Glinda - and as they make enemies with The Wicked Witch of the Pacific North-West. They'll be in awe as the performers soar through the air and laugh as they dive and tumble skilfully around the stage - complete with all the iconic elements of the circus weaved into the action-packed journey! "It really is a combo package" Nunns goes on, "the fantastic plot we all know and love, and a whole bunch of new circus elements. We've thrown in unicycles, juggling, aerials, trampoline-wall - we're telling the story in a new way."

To experience this revolutionary, captivating, and infinitely entertaining version of the timeless tale, complete with astounding acrobatics and vibrant circus antics, click your heels together, make a wish, and remember... "There's no place like The Centre!" You might even magically join Dorothy, Toto, and **CircusWest** at **2:00pm on October 25, 2015** for *The Circus of Oz!* Tickets are \$10 and are available at The Centre Box Office, visit www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca or call 604-391-SHOW(7469) for more 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 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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