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Electrifying Canadian Folk Flowing with Maritime Charm comes to Chilliwack

CHILLIWACK, BC— An exhilarating night of thrilling folk music packed with East Coast flavour and true Canadian charm is just around the corner, **with Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys** coming to Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **November 4, 2015!** Packing an electrifying mix of Canadian folk, rhythm and blues groove, and rollicking bluegrass beats along with their infectiously entertaining stage presence, **Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys** are sure to be a remarkably unique highlight in The Centre's Music Series, and a night you'll never forget!

Hailing from Prince Edward Island, **Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys** have been taking a distinctively Canadian blend of Celtic and Country sounds to audiences around the world - and now the east coast will meet the west as the merry Maritimers sail into Chilliwack! Overflowing with east coast charm and defining passionately

crafted and performed folk music, ***Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys*** offer a truly Canadian experience - and capture a spirit that everybody from Victoria to Charlottetown can relate to. “Whether we each know it or not this is the music we’ve grown up with” Gordie says. “They are the songs we’ve all heard around a campfire or at a kitchen party, a ceilidh or on your grandparents’ radio. Even though you may not recognize the song or the style of song I think that this type of music is familiar, deep down, to all Canadians.”

“This band is a real breath of fresh air and fun. There are heavy influences of bluegrass, western Swing, Celtic and even Scottish country dance music in here. It all adds up to a mighty fine package.”

Maverick Magazine, UK

With a fusion sound bursting with vitality and foot-tapping, hand-clapping energy, ***Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys*** have been taking the folk music scene by storm. Winning a multitude of awards including Artist of the Year, Best Live Group, Roots Traditional Recording of the Year and more, the PEI lads have proven their fantastic abilities and versatility as musicians, performers, and entertainers time and time again. And, after captivating audiences from Canada to the UK, Ireland, and Australia, their reputation is only expanding into new and international territory - proving that their reputation can cross geographic boundaries as well as generational and musical ones!

“We have travelled all over the world” Gordie goes on, “and although our music is not necessarily mainstream everywhere we go, the feeling remains that this kind of music crosses all cultures. We most recently returned from a wonderful trip to India. We were a little bit nervous about the response we might get because of our music seeming obscure in this part of the world, but it was incredible to see the enthusiasm

and appreciation of the music. People will often tell us ‘I didn’t think I liked this kind of music... but I loved that!’”

So for a night sure to provide an unforgettable celebration of Canadian music, spirit, and soul (and including some of the fanciest footwork and lighting fast fiddlin’ you’ve ever seen!), make sure to offer some East Coast boys a West Coast welcome when ***Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys*** perform at The Centre on **November 4, 2015**.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors and \$30 for students, and are available at The Centre Box Office, visit www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca or call 604-391-SHOW(7469) for more information.

Sponsors: The Chilliwack Progress, City of Chilliwack, British Columbia Arts Council, Department of Canadian Heritage, Province of British Columbia.

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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 3,640,00. 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, The Chilliwack Players Guild, The Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra, and the Chilliwack School of Performing Arts 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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