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007 in the 604 - Bond Comes to Canada in *James Bond Live!*

CHILLIWACK, BC— He's tackled bad guys from Moscow to Saigon, from Korea to Cuba, and how he's set the Great White North in his crosshairs - 007 is coming to Canada in the deadly sketch comedy of ***James Bond Live!*** On **November 8, 2015**, Chilliwack Cultural Centre will become the newest setting for Bond's mission to save the world - adding serious comedy chops to his arsenal of signature gadgets and smooth charm. Make sure to get a front seat on the comedy action for the ultimate Bond outing of the year!

James Bond Live! was created by The Simpsons Comic Books and CBC's The Irrelevant Show writer **Ian Boothby**, who decided that it was high time Bond's global path of espionage and assassination brought him to the land of mountains, moose, and maple syrup. "Canada is a world leader in many things like hockey and comedy" Ian says,

“but we’re greatly lacking in super villains (if you exclude politicians) so there’s never been a reason for Bond to visit in the past. With the literary version of the character entering the public domain we thought it was well past time he visited the Great White North and thanks to a villain named Coldfinger threatening to take over our country and the world, the timing worked out perfectly.”

Yet this will be a Bond show that swaps out 007’s signature license to kill to one for thrills, injecting a heavy dose of comic character into the super-spy’s world that is sure to leave you howling with laughter! “I’ve written James Bond sketches for The Irrelevant Show and Hank Scorpio stories for The Simpsons Comics and it’s always been a fun world to work in” Ian goes on. “007 has always been as sharp a wit as he is a shot so taking the comedy a step farther doesn’t shake Bond, or stir him for that matter. With this show we get to play with everything in Ian Fleming’s toybox and take the audience along for the ride.”

Transforming this iconic world of fast cars, beautiful bombshells, evil supervillains and well-tailored action exploits into one of comedy will be a lethal line-up of fantastic Vancouver-based comics. “The show features a mix of Vancouver’s best stand up, sketch and improv comedians” Ian reveals. “Eric Fell, Allen Morrison, Riel Hahn, Patrick Maliha and Barbara Beale. Allen Morrison plays 007 and even out of character he’s a master of style, charm and wit. Our worry is by making him Bond he may become too attractive and seduce the entire audience. If this is the case we’ll make him wear some sort of mask or Groucho glasses to tone it down.”

And you can join Allen and co. by getting into character too - the show will feature an audience competition contest and quick-fire Bond trivia round! So if you’ve been waiting for an opportunity to dig out your snappiest tux, or if you can name every Bond from Dr. No to Spectre, prepare to add another whole new level of fun and excitement to the show!

The combination of the unmistakably characteristic Bond, the incredible talents of the cast and creators, and the side-splitting improv format makes *James Bond Live!* a show you'll never forget. Whether you're a Bond fanatic or are searching for an explosive comedy experience, this is a night guaranteed to leave you in hysterics! "I have to warn you that the show isn't for everyone" Ian concludes. "If you don't like laughter, fun and excitement then please stay home with a nice glass of unsweetened lemonade and rearrange your spice rack alphabetically. But if you do enjoy a good time, then we've got a hilarious show for you and we intend to use our licence to thrill!"

So make sure buy your tickets to *James Bond Live!* today! Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$29 for seniors and \$27 for students 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 3,640,00. 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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