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Dynamic, Dazzling, and Inspirational - A Musical Match made in Heaven

CHILLIWACK, BC— The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society will present another morning of masterful musicianship and captivating atmosphere this winter, when *Sarah Hagen and Nicolò Eugelmi* perform in a dazzling duet at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **February 26, 2016**. Bringing together two of Canada's most acclaimed classical musicians to share their talents in the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre, this concert will prove an exceptional and intimate display of musicianship, and a truly inspirational way to begin your day.

Praised for her innovative, expressive, and passionate style of performance, **Sarah Hagen** has become one of the shining stars of Canadian classical music in recent years. From envisioning and curating her series of morning duets - each showcasing her talents plus those of a special guest - to winning the BC Touring Council's 2015

Touring Artist of the Year Award, Sarah has crafted her own special place in the world of Canadian classical music. And with her personable approach to performing - in which Sarah brings the music to life by playing the part of pianist, hostess, and storyteller to her captivated audiences - each of these concerts has proved uniquely enriching; an evocative ambience that will continue with her performance alongside **Nicolò Eugelmi**.

Described by La Presse Montreal as ‘perfect of style, intonation, and sonority’, **Nicolò Eugelmi** is a violist of unparalleled prestige. A highly sought-after orchestra member, regular soloist, and faculty member of the University of British Columbia, Nicolò has performed alongside the Vancouver, Edmonton, and Montreal Symphonies, as well as in some of the world’s most iconic concert halls. And with such a vast wealth of experience and expertise, his performance alongside the wonderful Sarah Hagen will undoubtedly be a remarkable experience - as Nicolò himself says. “This is a first time collaboration between Sarah and I – and I am truly looking forward to playing with her and getting to know her. It’s always exciting to embark on a new collaborative partnership, one that I know the audience will enjoy. There is something so alive in these situations, watching a partnership unfold - it is something I highly recommend.”

The incredible experience of witnessing Sarah and Nicolò’s creative bond blossom will only be enhanced by the intimacy and openness of this duet’s delightful setting. Beginning with complementary tea, coffee, and refreshments, and offering an informal, accessible, and uplifting atmosphere, these concerts truly capture the essence of a shared love of music. And although he’s performed everywhere from Carnegie Hall to Amsterdam’s prestigious Concertgebouw, Nicolò says that nothing compares to the feeling that concerts such as this offer - for both audience and performer.

“Having performed in both large scale venues and small chambers, as a soloist and quartet member, I actually enjoy smaller venues as opposed to larger concert halls” he reveals. “Don’t get me wrong - it’s nice to play in the Concertgebouw - but being able to play in the intimacy of a smaller space allows for more connection to the

music and the audience. Events such as this bring the artists and audience together, literally and figuratively - the audience becomes such a deep part of the experience, and there really is nothing quite like it.”

With *Sarah Hagen and Nicolò Eugelmi* performing at **10:30am** at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **February 26, 2016**, the opportunity to be part of this incredible moment is just around the corner. 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 and Nicolò Eugelmi is generously sponsored by: The Royal Hotel, The Chilliwack Progress, Department of Canadian Heritage, City of Chilliwack, British Columbia Arts Council, 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 O’Connor Group Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, over 275,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$4,000,000. 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, crafts, and performance studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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