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Dazzling and Dynamic - A Beautiful Classical Music Climax

CHILLIWACK, BC— The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society's 2015/16 Classical Music Series will conclude with a dazzling display of piano playing flair this month, with an inspirational performance from **Sarah Hagen** for a special solo program, *Spring Sounds: A Celebration of Birdsong*. Taking place at The Centre at 10:30am **April 15, 2016**, this concert will delightfully embrace this inspirational time of year, and is the perfect way to experience Sarah's talents for the final time this season.

As regulars of these morning concerts will confirm, Sarah Hagen is nothing short of masterful. The shining star of British Columbia's classical music community, an award-winning touring artist, and a performer that delights in conjuring an intimate connection with her audiences, this vibrant pianist is truly an exceptional presence to behold. Sarah creates a sense of wonder in her audience by celebrating the history

and essence of the music she draws from her piano; telling a musical story as much as weaving a tapestry of notes and sounds. It's an approach that has earned her a huge local following, and provided some of the most memorable shows of past seasons

Over the course of her curation of the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society's Classical Music Series, Sarah has performed alongside a far-reaching array of fellow classical musicians - and excitingly this concert will shine the spotlight on Sarah's sensational skill in a special solo appearance.

Featuring the music of renowned composers such as Rameau, Liszt, Messiaen, and Vancouver's own Jeffrey Ryan, this wonderful program will highlight music that captures the cheerful delicacy of spring birds in full song. This program will perfectly match the format of these morning concerts, combining intimate ambience, magnificent music, and complimentary refreshments to create an event that reflects spring's upbeat energy.

"The level of passion of Hagen possesses - when it comes to experiencing, interpreting, and expressing art - is something quite extraordinary."

- The Guardian (Charlottetown)

With Sarah's prowess as a performer, entertainer, and musical storyteller, this concert will be steeped in virtuosity and vitality, and is sure to be a particular highlight in the exciting journey of the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society's Classical Music Series.

So do not miss the fantastic finale of *Sarah Hagen's Spring Sounds: A Celebration of Birdsong* when it flutters into The Centre on **April 15, 2016** - the memory of this morning concert will keep patrons inspired until next spring!

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's Spring Sounds: A Celebration of Birdsong is generously sponsored by:
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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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