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Description: A pine-scented party packed with high-flying stunts, daredevil axe-juggling, and the most acrobatically-gifted lumberjacks you've ever seen!

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## Circus Arts And Rustic Revelry with Cirque Alfonse's *Timber!*

CHILLIWACK, BC— Chilliwack will be treated to a world-class display of iconic *Québécois cirque* artistry this spring, when the astounding **Cirque Alfonse** brings their rustic revelry to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **April 7, 2016** with *Timber!* A pine-scented party packed with high-flying stunts, daredevil axe-juggling, and the most acrobatically-gifted lumberjacks you've ever seen, *Timber!* is the ultimate in folk-flavoured and adrenaline-filled entertainment.

Created and performed by **Cirque Alfonse**, *Timber!* takes all the energy, vitality, and spectacular circus skills that the ensemble's fellow Quebecers Cirque du Soleil have introduced to the world, using this characteristically *Québécois* art form to celebrate traditional life on the land. Built from axes, saws, logs, and a gang of burly lumberjacks, the show crafts an atmosphere of raucous rural festivities - perfectly

setting the scene for a display of truly unbelievable aerial artistry. The cast will tumble, dance, and soar across the stage, delighting with their awe-inspiring acrobatic feats to the carefree rhythm of lively folk tunes. The result is a show that offers both nostalgic charm and exhilarating action - and audiences always delight in the combination!

**“Timber! implies that Monty Python were right in believing all lumberjacks are in a permanent state of delirious happiness”**

- The Guardian, UK

Everything about Timber! looks and feels truly authentic. Digging into the history of Canada’s early pioneers, the show presents a unique and captivating view of foresters’ life in centuries past, utilizing genuine materials in its homespun storytelling. Natural raw materials dot the stage, with lumberjacks tossing axes around and performing incredible stunts to the sound of fiddles, banjos, and rousing songs packed with fantastically Franco-exuberance. It’s less of a window into the past and more of a barn door flung open to reveal an unbridled explosion of energy and entertainment, and a hidden world where lumberjacks are acrobats (lumberjackrobats!); grey-whiskered grand-pères fly through the air; and wood-chopping and merry-making go hand in hand.

**“A family treat that makes you want to run away and join the circus”**

The Daily Telegraph, UK

**Cirque Alfonse** has performed to much acclaim throughout Quebec, and have hauled *Timber!* to captivated audiences as far afield as Australia and the United Kingdom. And now the three generations of the Caribiniers - the family behind in this incredibly original and inventive circus group - are set to enchant Chilliwack with this jovial jaunt through the forest, and celebrate a rich shared heritage with a definitively Canadian show.

Do not miss the festivities when **Cirque Alfonse** flies by. You'll never look at lumberjacks the same way again! **Timber!** will be at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **April 7, 2016.**

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

**Timber!** is generously sponsored by: Gidney Signs & Decals, Fortins Home Hardware, Unger Window & Door, Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, Chilliwack Times, 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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