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Description: Celebrate The Chilliwack Cultural Centre's seventh anniversary with the collaboration, musicianship and enthusiasm of the BC World Music Collective.

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Experience world music, without ever having to leave the Province!

CHILLIWACK, BC — Bringing together musicians from Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, Africa, and London, the **BC World Music Collective** will take you on a worldwide journey without ever leaving Chilliwack! Thirteen musicians, all with their own professional music career, will weave their musical traditions together to create a unique experience in the perfect celebration of **The Centre's Seventh Anniversary, on September 30.**

The **BC World Music Collective** is made up of musicians from around the world who have all made their home in this beautiful province. The collective is comprised of Adonis Puentes, Celso Machad, Tonye Aganaba, Kurai Blessing, *Locarno* (Tom Landa, Pedro Mota, Robin Layne, Liam MacDonald, Nick La Riviere, Kalissa Landa, Ronnie

Swirl) and Chilliwack born First Nations (Stō:lo/St'át'imc/Nlaka'pamux Territories) rapper, Ostwelve. The collective first came together in the summer of 2015, when the artists were asked to perform at the Vancouver Island Music Festival. After an intense week of rehearsals and their appearance on the main stage of the festival, the group decided that one performance would not be enough.

Their group is a collaboration that sees all the musicians playing with each other, and backing each other up as they sing their own songs and tell the stories of where they are from and how they got to British Columbia. Their celebration of multiculturalism is full of high energy fun and will have the audience fully engaged in their performance.

Local born rapper, Ronnie Dean Harris, is a Stō:lo/St'át'imc multimedia artist who returns to Chilliwack as a member of the Collective. With an incredibly individual career as a multimedia artist, he has worked as a host for a podcast series that was the recipient of the United Nations DPI Gold Medal, as a creator of workshop programs for youth empowerment in media arts and hip-hop, as well as a prominent musical career under the name of Ostwelve.

The eclectic collection of instruments that these musicians play ranges from percussions, guitars, bongos, trombone, jarana, pandeiro, fiddle, marimba, congas, bass, trumpet, and mbira. With vibrant individual careers, these talented performers have created something greater than their individual talents.

Bringing together their individual world music experiences, they weave their unique styles of musicianship to create their very own style. Together, this group of spectacular musicians create an unforgettable evening that is sure to have you cheering from your seats.

BC World Music Collective is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **September 30** at the **7:30pm**. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors, and \$30 for youth, and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

BC World Music Collective is sponsored by: *Windsor Plywood, Chilliwack Community Services, What's On! Chilliwack, Chilliwack Progress, Star FM, City of Chilliwack, Department of Canadian Heritage, British Columbia Arts Council, British Columbia Touring Council, Province of British Columbia, and Chilliwack Best Western Rainbow Country Inn.*

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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 315,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$4,900,000. 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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