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Description: Prepare to be amazed and dazzled as Shawn Farquhar and an extraordinary lineup of magicians show of their magical prowess in an intimate cabaret style setting.

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# Prepare to be Amazed with Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XII.

CHILLIWACK, BC — Take astonishing acts of sleight of hand, mix in an assortment of mystifying illusions, then add in the delightfully charismatic personalities of the magicians taking to the stage, and you have the twelfth installment of *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XII*! On April 20, 2018, Shawn Farquhar will once again be perplexing audiences in the intimate cabaret-style setting of the Chilliwack Cultural Centre's Rotary Hall, and with three previously sold-out shows this season, tickets are sure to go quickly, so get yours before they're gone!

Originally from Maple Ridge, **Shawn Farquhar** has been performing magic for over twenty years, and for a variety of impressive audiences. From captivating crowds on cruises to having his magic appear in TV shows including *X-Files* and FOX's *Fringe*, Farquhar's skills have taken him worldwide. He has even opened for Penn & Teller in

Las Vegas after appearing on their TV show *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*, where he was the first magician to have fooled them twice.

However, even after finding success on a global level, Farquhar finds that nothing beats coming home and performing in the Fraser Valley. "I almost feel like it's home away from home, especially after having done eight shows at The Centre. I feel like I'm home, and I know the patrons when I get there. I can see the people in the back of the room, I can talk to them, and we take a break in the middle to get to know them." He said, "It's a great feeling. I love all the trips around the world, but being able to drive to the gig and not having to take a plane, or sleep in a hotel room, is really cool. It's a great feeling. It's special."

Joining Farquhar will be special guest magicians, who are all incredibly talented in their own right, and paired with the intimate setting of the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre, it's the perfect place to experience the delights of live magic. "This is the perfect venue to experience magic for your first time. You can participate as much or as little as you want to. You can sit in the back in the dark to watch the show, or you can sit in the front and hope to get picked to be part of the show. There are no camera tricks, and it all happens in front of you, so that magic you'll experience feels real."

The intimate cabaret setting gives you a unique opportunity to see these talented magicians work up close. Whether you're looking for a fun evening out, or want to discover the thrills of live magic, *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders* is the place to be.

Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XII is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on April 20, 2018, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at <a href="https://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca">www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca</a>, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XII is sponsored by: Mertin Auto Group, Hanne & Brian Selby, The Chilliwack Progress, the British Columbia Arts Council, the BC Touring Council, the City of Chilliwack, the Province of British Columbia, and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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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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