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Description: Shawn Farquhar is back to amaze and baffle Chilliwack, and he's bringing along Billy Hsueh, Alex Zander, and Woody Aragón for a dazzling cabaret-style night of illusions in the ninth installment of Cabaret of Wonders.

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

CHILLIWACK, BC – The astonishing and irresistible entertainment of live magic will return to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre this winter with *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders IX*. On **January 19, 2018**, you will be in awe when the ninth installment in this incredible magic series fills the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre with mystifying illusions and stellar talent.

An unparalleled display of magic performance and entertainment, *The Cabaret of Wonders* will not only feature **Shawn Farquhar's** unbelievable skills in an intimate cabaret setting, but will also showcase three magicians of unparalleled skill.

Returning once again for the opening magic show of this series are **Billy Hsueh** and **Alex Zander**, while **Woody Aragón** arrives from Spain to join them.

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."

**Billy Hsueh** of Surrey and Port Coquitlam's **Alex Zander** return for their third Cabaret of Wonders show, each bringing their unique magical flare to show off. Hsueh has been performing all across North America for the last eleven years, creating a style of magic that blends comedy and storytelling perfectly. He is currently an Executive Committee Member for the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and has competed in numerous local and international competitions, earning the titles of Pacific Coast Close Up Champion, Pacific Coast Platform Magic Champion, Canadian Association of Magicians Close-Up - Silver Medalist, and Vancouver Magic Circle Card Magician of the Year. While **Alex Zander** now stands as the current International Vice President for the International Brotherhood of Magicians and has been awarded the title Stage Magician of the Year by both the Canadian Association of Magicians and the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians for his energetic and comedic brand of showmanship.

Performing for the first time at the *Cabaret of Wonders*, **Woody Aragón** has been named by many as one of the greatest card magicians of the new generation, and he is a North American and European International Federation of Magic Societies champion winner of the main awards for close-up magic. His sensational performances will make the evening extraordinary.

Not only is the *Cabaret of Wonders* sure to be a hit with magic enthusiasts or those involved with magic both as performers and hobbyists, but it will also be an incredible experience for those who have never witnessed live magic before. “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.” Says **Shawn Farquhar**. “You will know the magic you’ll experience here is real because there are no camera tricks and it all happens in front of you.”

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. The show is one of four that are returning to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre this season, and tickets are sure to go quickly, so get your tickets before they’re gone!

*Shawn Farquhar’s Cabaret of Wonders IX* is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **January 19, 2018, at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca), or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

*Shawn Farquhar’s Cabaret of Wonders IX* is sponsored by: *Mertin Auto Group, Wagner Appliances Ltd, the BC Touring Council, the British Columbia Arts Council, The Chilliwack Progress, the City of Chilliwack, the Province of British Columbia, and the Department of Canadian Heritage.*

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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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