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

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Experience the Thrill of Live Magic with Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders X!

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 tenth installment of *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders X!* On February 16, 2018 an unparalleled display of magic performance and entertainment will fill the Chilliwack Cultural Centre's Rotary Hall, and you're invited to witness these acts in an intimate cabaret-style evening.

Featuring not only [Shawn Farquhar's](#) unbelievable skills, but *The Cabaret of Wonders* will also be welcoming the charming [Chris Funk](#) to share the stage, as well as other incredibly special guests.

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.

When creating the *Cabaret of Wonders* series, **Shawn Farquhar** was inspired by the fact that there was nothing like it when he was growing up. There wasn't a place where practiced, or up-and-coming magicians could perform in front of an audience as they experiment with new tricks.

"There was nothing like this when I was young, which is why I decided to do this. When I grew up, there was the Magic Circle which gave us the opportunity to perform in front of other magicians, in front of your peers, but not in front of a regular audience. I wanted a place, but there wasn't one, so this was the perfect idea," **Shawn Farquhar** explains. "The Cabaret is where I can try new material, I can introduce new magicians, and I can help them get expertise on how they perform in front of audiences. I'd never seen anything like it. It's really fulfilling when I see where they start, where they are, and where they're going and that I get to help in some way. It's a nice feeling. I enjoy watching them progress. So I enjoy being able to help and it's inspiring to see where they go."

A great example of the impact these Cabarets are having is the skyrocketing advancement of local magician [Alex Zander](#) who is currently the vice president and nominee for president-elect for the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the world's largest organization of magicians with members in 88 countries. He will be the youngest president in the history of IBM when elected. He has also taught close-up magic as part of The Centre's Art Camps - passing on the art of illusion to the next generation.

For this mind-blowing instalment of Cabaret of Wonders, Shawn is thrilled to be featuring magicians **Jeff Christensen**, **Bryn Williams**, and all the way from Winnipeg,

the Wonderist **Chris Funk**. Performing for the first time at the *Cabaret of Wonders*, **Chris Funk** the Wonderist brings his incredible combination of intuition, influence and illusion that is perfectly complimented by his side-splitting comedy. Chris has appeared on *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*, the CW's *Wizard Wars*, and on *America's Got Talent*. Initially a musician, Chris has since blended together talents for magic with those he has for music, creating a refreshingly unique performance.

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. With the first show having sold out, tickets are sure to go quickly, so get yours before they're gone!

Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders X is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on February 16, 2018, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders X is sponsored by: *Mertin Auto Group, 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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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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