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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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## *Puzzling and Perplexing, It's Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XI!*

CHILLIWACK, BC – Full of mystifying illusions and astonishing acts of sleight of hand, *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders* is back for its eleventh instalment, and following two previously sold out shows this year, it's set to be an unparalleled display of magic! On March 16, 2018, **Shawn Farquhar** will once again be perplexing audiences in the intimate cabaret-style setting of the Chilliwack Cultural Centre's Rotary Hall, and you're invited to witness the irresistible entertainment of live magic!

Shawn Farquhar won't be the only one demonstrating his unbelievable skills, as *The Cabaret of Wonders* will also be welcoming the charming **James Alan**, the delightful **John Kaplan**, and the enigmatic **Henry Tom** to share the stage.

Having received global fame after being the first magician to fool Penn and Teller twice on their show *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*, appearing on the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*, and *Masters of Illusions*, **Shawn Farquhar's** magic has taken him worldwide. From a variety of cruise lines, including the Norwegian Star, *Radiance of the Seas*, and currently the Disney Cruise Line, to several television shows, including the *X-Files* and FOX's *Fringe*, Farquhar has shown his magic to all kinds of audiences. He has also won many awards including first place for sleight of hand and stage magic at the World Magic Championships and was even named the "Grand Prix World Champion of Magic" from the International Federation of Magic Societies

When creating the *Cabaret of Wonders* series, **Shawn Farquhar** started in a small venue in Vancouver, but later moved to Chilliwack where the series of shows flourished. The intimate setting of the Rotary Hall has led to a more personal relationship between the magicians performing and the audience.

"I never dreamed that we'd go from twenty-five people to filling the Rotary Hall every time. I can see the people in the back of the room, I can talk to them, and we even take a break in the middle to get to know them. Even now, patrons come back, because not one show has been the same. Each time it's different, and we always bring new material." Shawn explains, passionate about how far the *Cabaret of Wonders* has come since its initial inception. "I travel a lot, I'm a professional entertainer and never get to work in my home area. I just never get to do shows here. I do the stuff I'm known for and never really get to experiment. This is the place to showcase new things."

Master of sleight of hand and illusions, Toronto's **James Alan** will prove that the experience of magic is ideal for creating memories which last a lifetime. His goal is to prove that magic isn't just for kids, and has created performances that are "thought-provoking, funny, astonishing and thoroughly entertaining." He has been featured on Summerworks Performance Festival and The Hamilton Fringe Festival, and for the last two years, he has been hosting Magic Tonight.

**John Kaplan**, also known as the fundraising magician, has been touring Canada for three decades, performing his unique brand of family-friendly magic. His focus on fundraising through his magic shows has led to international recognition. He has shared the stage as an opening act for Jay Leno, the Boomtown Rats, and starred in the Opening Ceremonies for the Labatt National Men's Curling Briar.

Also joining them is international award-winning **Henry Tom**, who is a Canadian Association of Magicians' Close Up Magic Champion and a Vancouver Magic Circle's Stage Magic Champion. Running a dental practice, Tom has incorporated magic into his dentistry, but has also brought his dentistry into his magic, making for a uniquely charming act!

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

*Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XI* is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **March 16, 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).

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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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