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Description: He's still blood-thirsty, but that doesn't mean Ballet Victoria's *Dracula* is anything like your typical vampire – or your typical ballet. Donning a large snake tattoo on his chest, this evil villain has traded his standard cape and fangs for a more modern look – just in time for Halloween!

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Dracula

CHILLIWACK, BC – A gripping story of lost love, found romance, and meaningful symbolism, *Ballet Victoria's Dracula* is the perfect way to spend your October Friday the 13th evening! Just in time for Halloween this unique ballet set to music ranging from Elgar's Cello Concerto, to Sia's "Chandelier" and even a few tracks from Guardians of the Galaxy, it will be unlike any ballet you've ever seen! Don't miss the chance to see this incredible adaptation of *Dracula* at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **October 13, 2017**.

A captivating mix of classical and contemporary dance, *Dracula* weaves the two styles of choreography together to tell the story. The arc of the show starts with very classical choreography, and as the story progresses and the characters develop, the

choreography becomes more contemporary to follow that evolution. Rather than focusing on the traditional story's grisly aspects, the ballet emphasizes the inherent sensuality of the story and also use the story as a metaphor for peoples' choices.

A cutting-edge ballet company founded in 2002, **Ballet Victoria** has developed into a first-class professional organization with international recognition. They have produced an impressive fifty-four new works since opening, and with former professional dancer Paul Destrooper as Artistic and Executive Director, **Ballet Victoria's** productions possess a unique use of lighting and contemporary music to emphasize the emotions of the performance. Destrooper's choreography focuses on shaping seamless movements from the classical and contemporary vocabularies to reflect musicality and trigger a connection. His work is dramatic, inspiring, physical and often laced with a distinctive sense of humor. **Ballet Victoria's** shows are electrifying while still keeping the timelessness of ballet, and this thrilling production of **Dracula** is no exception.

A supporter of the community outreach programming **Ballet Victoria** is also offering an exciting masterclass on **October 13, 2017**, from **10:00am to 11:30am** for ballet students 8-18 years of age. Students will enhance their skills and talent, learning routines performed throughout the production alongside a professional dancer from **Dracula**. Participating in the masterclass also includes a ticket to the imaginative ballet later that evening.

Dracula is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **October 13, 2017** at **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).

Dracula is sponsored by: Myriad Information Technology, Coast Chilliwack Hotel, What's On! Chilliwack, Chilliwack Progress, the City of Chilliwack, Department of Canadian Heritage, British Columbia Arts Council, British Columbia Touring Council, and the Province of British Columbia.

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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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