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Description: Judy Garland's electrifying story of self-destruction in her last comeback attempt in the late 60's.

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A gritty play about Judy Garland on the eve of her destruction that is both sharp and appallingly funny.

CHILLIWACK, BC – Electrifying, intense and real, *End of the Rainbow* is a riveting account of an all too mortal goddess, **Judy Garland**, on the eve of her destruction. This gritty play adorned with fabulous music is based on the events of her last comeback attempt in England in 1968 and captures the mix of volatility and sheer talent of this beloved superstar. Witness the eccentricity that made Garland a legend in this riveting stage production about a woman known for her bizarre behavior and evoking desperation whenever she sang. Don't miss the chance to see this sensational show on **October 17** at The Centre.

Observe that perilous bipolar energy that so often animates great performers as this theatrical tour de force gives audience members a glimpse into Garland's relationship with her fifth husband Mickey Deans, and the power struggles with her handlers over her ability and desire to perform. Every chapter of her history is alive; she is foul-mouthed, flirtatious, erotic, childlike, unedited, manipulative and supremely self-conscious as she makes love and war with her keepers. A full-throttle performance that holds nothing back. Judy has a strong sense of herself as a human tragedy on a world stage, but her sense of humour, of the absurdity of it all, is just as sharp and appallingly funny—and then, she sings and all those contrasting elements come together into a coherent riveting whole.

Produced by ACE Productions, "*End of the Rainbow*" by Peter Quilter, stars **Janet Gigliotti** as **Judy Garland** and **Jeffery Hoffman** as **Mickey Deans**. Bringing professional caliber musicals to Western Canadian audiences since 2004 this theatre company delivers a stellar performance that holds nothing back in a dramatic show that will send shivers down your spine.

This electrifying story of Judy Garland as she nears the completion of her downward spiral walks the fine line between Garland's larger-than-life bizarre behavior and her poised yet witty, emotional longing for some stability as she unravels before an adoring audience.

Tickets are \$35 for Adults, \$32 for Senior 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).

End of the Rainbow is sponsored by; Myriad Information Technology, Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, Chilliwack Progress, 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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