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Description: Witness the hummingbird soar on aerial straps, the spirit bear balance precariously in handstand atop an old growth tree, and the grey wolf bound acrobatically on stilts throughout the forest. You will not want to miss the chance to see this show that will leave you in total awe.

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Flying High and Defying Gravity - Fireflight.

CHILLIWACK, BC – Daring acts of coordination, balance, and flight return to The Chilliwack Cultural Centre for one day only on **February 25, 2018**, when CircusWest enters the theatre with their latest high flying show *Fireflight*. For the first time CircusWest, who is known for their incredibly charming series of kid's circus shows, is bringing their **VERVE Inspired Circus** show to Chilliwack, in a performance that audiences of all ages will be enthralled by. Projections of the Pacific Northwest create the lush backdrop, and a magnificent array of masks distinguish the alluring cast of characters. Through elegant acrobatics, remarkable aerials, and contemporary circus, this incredibly talented group of performers weave together a dynamic story about the power of engagement.

Fireflight will take you on a magical adventure that tells the tale of a young hummingbird fighting against a raging forest fire, and how her actions inspire the other animals in the forest to take a stand. Witness the hummingbird soar on aerial straps, the spirit bear balance precariously in handstand atop an old growth tree, and the grey wolf bound acrobatically on stilts throughout the forest. Coming together, they strive to protect the fragile environment of the forest they call home and discover how important taking action can be.

CircusWest is known for their incredible series of shows that feature the talented young performers learning circus arts, at their extensive circus arts centre. Given the opportunity to explore circus arts in an encouraging and safe environment, the circus performing arts society focuses on strengthening individual performance skills, fitness, confidence, and a sense of community. Within CircusWest is **VERVE Inspired Circus**, the professional production division of the arts centre. Made up of the professional circus artists, VERVE shows aim to enthrall audiences through a well-crafted, awe-inspiring display of the human potential of movement, balance, coordination, and strength. They put on fabulous new and original productions, and this time, *Fireflight*, is guaranteed to excite you.

Western Canada's top circus talent will push their limits to perform mystifying acts of acrobatics, graceful aerials and stunning choreography, in ways that are sure to astonish you. Tickets are sure to go quickly, so don't miss your chance to witness their fearless performance!

Fireflight is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **February 25, 2018, at 7:30 pm**. 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).

Fireflight is sponsored by: The O'Connor Group, Fortins Home Hardware, Fraser Valley Custom Printer, Re/Max Bob Plowright Realty, Chilliwack Community Arts

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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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