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Description: Mazacote creates a performance that is fun and turn it into an exciting Latin dance party experience guaranteed to get the audience in the groove.

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Get into the Groove with the Rich Rhythmic Music of *Mazacote!*

CHILLIWACK, BC – Celebrate the start of spring - *Mazacote* style! Playing a horn-driven New York salsa and beats from Colombia, Cuba, and Puerto Rico, *Mazacote* is a hard-hitting west coast Afro-Latin band, and on **April 7** they're bringing their sizzling Latin rhythms to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. Blend together their incredibly captivating music and their strong sense of how to get an audience cheering in excitement, and you've got a night truly not to be missed!

Inspired by Afro-Caribbean percussions and tropical party sounds, *Mazacote* is a six-piece band from Vancouver that features the mesmerising voice of Nicaraguan singer-songwriter David Lopez. The groove-heavy band features Chris Couto on timbales, Carlos Arias on bass, Robin Layne on congas, Malcolm Aiken on trumpet, and Niho

Takase on piano. Their brass heavy Latin dance beats are paired perfectly with lyrics that have a socially conscious message and tell you that no matter what flag you wave, what really matters is love.

"*Mazacote* 'gets' it," said Cheyenne Kamran, with the Vancouver International Salsa Festival. "Not only do they bring a distinctly Latin flavour to their powerhouse show, but they also understand what makes an audience respond. They keep getting better and better."

On stage since 2008, *Mazacote* has brought their exciting Latin vibe to audiences across the Pacific Northwest and performs around the globe at music festivals and dance clubs. Recent highlights include headlining the Vancouver International Salsa Festival with New York Latin jazz trombone legend Jimmy Bosch, as well as mainstage appearances at the Harmony Arts Festival, the Carnaval del Sol, the Vancouver International Jazz Festival, the Winterruptions Arts and Cultural Festival and the Global Music Festival.

"Mazacote knows how to harmonise the spirit of Latin music and energy and create a fantastic sound and show experience," offered Roger Chen, producer of Salsa Events. "It's always a pleasure to hear their music and feed off the interaction between the musicians!"

Their powerful vocals combined with driven Afro Cuban percussion and brassy mambos prove that *Mazacote* knows how to create a performance that speaks to audience members of all ages. Don't miss your chance to experience a thrilling evening of remarkably rich rhythmic music when *Mazacote* comes to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **April 7, 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).

Mazacote is sponsored by: The Chilliwack Progress, 89.5 The Drive, What's On! Chilliwack, the British Columbia Arts Council, the BC Touring Council, 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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