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Description: Séan Mccann's love for Newfoundland and Labrador folk songs shot him to international fame as a founding member of the renowned group Great Big Sea. After twenty years with the band, Séan decided to leave them and start over, in an attempt to find his own peace, love, and happiness.

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Great Big Sea's Sean McCann, An Intimate Evening.

CHILLIWACK, BC — A rare opportunity to experience one of the East Coast's most well-loved singers, songwriters and storytellers is coming up this spring, when a founding member of a Canadian folk treasure embarks on a voyage to Chilliwack. On **March 3, 2018, *An Intimate Evening with Séan McCann*** will present the Newfoundland and Labrador songsmith and founding member of Great Big Sea, ***Séan McCann***, in a uniquely up-close-and-personal performance that captures the energy and honesty that has come to define McCann's solo career. Whether a fan old or new,

of soft-spoken ballads or rousing folk singalongs, this show is sure to speak to your heart and leave you uplifted and inspired.

Beginning almost 30 years ago in St John's, Newfoundland, *Séan McCann's* career has been a storied tale. From international acclaim with Great Big Sea and a life-changing decision to leave the band to concentrate on his solo career, to battling alcoholism and revealing long-harboured secrets of abuse on a journey to find healing and happiness, McCann has weathered both the calm and the storm. Now he channels his story into new music that captures the folk rock tradition of his time with Great Big Sea, while making his own voice proudly and passionately heard. It's a sound that feels honest, open, and reflective of McCann at this point in his career, and which will be perfectly complemented by the intimate setting of his upcoming performance - an environment McCann feels more at home in than ever. "Conversations can be focused in small theatres and I am able to connect more intensely with people on a more authentic level," McCann describes. "I've performed on a lot of big stages around the world throughout my career but find the experience of smaller venues far more satisfying."

Inspired by love, personal struggles and the joy he found in seeing how sharing his story helped others as much as it helped himself, McCann's recent solo albums tell a narrative of one person that speaks to many. With the release of his fifth album, *There's a Place*, last year, McCann has focused his music and message, and is taking it to intimate venues across Canada, creating inspiring, uplifting energy and a connection that goes beyond that of a typical musician and their audience wherever he goes. And for an artist with decades of national and international touring under his belt, his upcoming show at The Centre marks a rare occasion to visit new ground and create new connections.

"I have never performed in Chilliwack before," says McCann, "so I feel like I have a great many friends to make in a short time. We are made of more than blood and bones; we are made of beautiful music and I am coming all the way across the country to Chilliwack to make some with you!"

So don't miss the opportunity to connect with an iconic figure of Canadian folk, when *An Intimate Evening with Séan McCann* takes place at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **March 3, 2018**. The show begins at **7:30pm**. Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$42 for seniors and \$40 for youth, and are now on sale at The Centre Box Office. To purchase tickets, contact the Centre Box Office online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604- 391-SHOW(7469).

An Intimate Evening with Séan McCann is sponsored by: Chilliwack Coast Hotel, Chilliwack Progress, BC Touring Council, City of Chilliwack, Province of British Columbia, British Columbia Arts Council 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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