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Passionate and Local, *The Centre Rocks* is Back!

CHILLIWACK, BC — There is no shortage of talent in Chilliwack, and on February 17, 2018 you can experience it for yourself at *The Centre Rocks XI!* Join local musicians as they showcase both their original work and a few well known hits at The Chilliwack Cultural Centre's Rotary Hall Studio Theatre, this time with five of the best up-and-coming groups and performers.

Having performed in The Centre Rocks in the past, drummer Michael Alleckna will be putting down his drumsticks and showing off that drumming is not all he has to offer this evening. Having taken on the task of curating the performers, Alleckna has selected five spectacular acts, and he will also be picking up a guitar to play an original soulful, jazzy, and sometimes folky set.

Stepping out onto the stage will be musical duo, **Portraits of Us**. Jason and Anna Ratzlaff were both experienced solo artists when they met, but found perfect harmony in one another as a musical duo. Together, the married couple have created an intimate concert experience by expressing their moods and feelings through their music. Their clean and melodic sound is complimented by a balance of intricate guitar and vocal arrangements that are layered stunningly with the cello.

Contemporary folk rock duo, Cole Prpich and Joseph Richter, will be performing as **The Great Atlas**. Richter's spirited violin lines are perfectly complimented by not only Prpich's incredible guitar skills, but also by his raw and honest vocals. Blending contemporary lyrics and melodies with classical roots, Richter and Prpich deliver a performance of power and passion that you won't soon forget.

Accompanied by an acoustic guitar and harmonica, **Matthew Mccrea** will be up next and will draw you in with his strong voice and raspy intensity. And following him with a distinctive voice and sound, solo artist **Dear Father** brings new life to a contemporary blend of folk music.

Perfect for a casual night of great local talent, *The Centre Rocks* will once again showcase Chilliwack's best and newest musical acts in an intimate and cabaret-style setting. Anyone over the age of nineteen is allowed to bring their drinks into the theatre to enjoy the live performance.

These astonishing local talents will each tell their own unique stories through their folk, rock, and contemporary music. Each with their unique take, these five talents are sure to inspire anyone interested in producing their own art, or anyone who wants to see what incredible talent can be found locally. Whether you are looking for a fun evening out, or want to come out and support the local music scene, *The Centre Rocks* is the place to be!

The Centre Rocks XI is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **February 17, 2018 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

The Centre Rocks XI is sponsored by: 89.5 The Drive, The Chilliwack Progress, the British Columbia Arts Council, the British Columbia 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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