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Discover Amazing Local Talent with The Centre Rocks IX!

CHILLIWACK, BC – From heartfelt folk to electrifying rock to soulful gospel, *The Centre Rocks* has seen it all, and on October 7 its back for its ninth instalment. Join Rain Penner August along with local musicians as they take the Rotary Hall Theatre Stage and rock The Centre!

Chilliwack musician Rain Penner August has participated in *The Centre Rocks* in the past, and this time he has taken on the task of curating the performers. When he was eighteen, Rain started travelling and busking across Canada, and along the way, he fell in love with the way busking led to interacting with people, meeting other musicians, and how it opened doors. Since he landed back in Chilliwack, he continues to busk, as he loves to share music, have fun, brighten people's days, and meet new

people. He has never had the chance to experience organising a show, and he is excited about learning a new process. His passion for sharing music makes the comfortable table setting of *The Centre Rocks* perfect for new experiences. "I have a really good feeling about The Centre Rocks this time around," he said. "I think the crowd will love what they're going to hear."

Drummer **Michael Alleckna** will be putting down his drumsticks and showing off that drumming is not all he has to offer. Picking up a guitar, he will be bringing an original soulful, jazzy, and sometimes folky set. Alleckna will be followed by **Jonah August** whose honest lyrics are inspired by the experiences in his own life, in an alternative gospel genre that is sure to leave you wanting more. 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.

Chilliwack's own **Naxx** will be backed up by **Jakub Kvinsnsky**, **Nic Foley**, and **Ryan Spooner**, as they follow Mccrea with a powerful performance. Through his lyrics, **Naxx** will tell inspiring stories drawn from personal experiences that are filled with grief, regret, acceptance, hope and optimism. Brothers and childhood friend: **Trevor Blank**, **Keaton Sauder**, and **Lukas Blaak**, will be closing the evening with a folk/indie set as **Kin**.

These astonishing local talents will each tell their own unique stories through their folk, rock, and alternative 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 IX is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **October 7** at **7:00pm**. 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 IX is sponsored by: The City of Chilliwack, The Chilliwack Progress, The BC Touring Council, 89.5 The Drive, 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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