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Description: An inspiring morning concert that takes on a few of The Bergmann Duo's favourites from their operatic repertoire, from Mozart's *Magic Flute* to Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, to Bellini's *Sonnambula*.

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PianOpera!

CHILLIWACK, BC – Classic opera compositions get a piano duet makeover as the renowned piano-playing pair **The Bergmann Duo** return to **The Chilliwack Cultural Centre** for their first performance in the Classical Music Series with **PianOpera!** Guaranteed to be a performance full of energy and intensity, this delightful morning concert starts off the weekend with an inspiring performance.

Marcel and Elizabeth Bergmann (aka the Bergmann Duo) have performed their piano concerts internationally throughout North America and Europe, have made several recordings for CBC Radio and are the founding members of the International Piano Quartet. The married couple met at Hochschule für Musik und Theater, a music

university in Hannover, Germany. The two studied separately but grew into partners, establishing a new program of study for duo piano at their school. Elizabeth and Marcel have an extraordinary list of triumphs, including first prize at the International Chamber Music Competition in Caltanissetta, Italy and were honoured at The 4th Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition.

PianOpera will be an inspiring morning concert that takes on a few of Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann's favourites from their operatic repertoire, from Mozart's *Magic Flute* to Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, to Bellini's *Sonnambula*. Combined with complimentary coffee, tea, and refreshments in a cabaret setting, this Friday morning concert is the perfect way to start your morning.

PianOpera is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **October 6 at 10:30am**. Tickets are \$27 and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

PianOpera is sponsored by: The Chilliwack Academy of Music, the City of Chilliwack, Corky's, Laurie Throness MLA, The Chilliwack Progress, the British Columbia Arts Council, the Province of British Columbia, Canadian Heritage, and BC Touring Council.

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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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