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Description: Join cellist *Beth Root Sandvoss* as she performs a repertoire demonstrating the dramatic and rhythmical qualities of the instrument.

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## Come and enjoy the enchanting and powerful sounds of the Cello!

CHILLIWACK, BC – The dynamic energy of the *Bergmann Duo*, the intimate atmosphere of a classical concert and the dazzling sound of cellist *Beth Root Sandvoss* combine in an inspirational show coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. On **March 29**, the Bergmann Duo will bring their magical touch to the casual setting of The Centre's Rotary Hall Studio Theatre with *Cellicious*, a concert full of energy and intensity.

*Cellicious* offers a wonderful array of cello repertoire that demonstrates the lyrical and romantic as well as the dramatic and rhythmical qualities of the instrument. From Bach

to Bernstein, from Britten to Bergmann, and so much more, ***Cellicious*** will be a captivating performance that shows you the combined charms of the cello and piano.

Marcel and Elizabeth Bergmann 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 Music Competition in Caltanissetta, Italy and were honoured at The 4<sup>th</sup> Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition.

For this fantastic morning performance, the duo will be joined by cellist **Beth Root Sandvoss** who has had a notably varied career as a recitalist, chamber musician and pedagogue. Beth's early professional activities took her to Hong Kong, where she became a member of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra as well as the Victoria String Quartet, performing throughout Asia. After completing undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison with cellist Parry Karp, Beth finished graduate work at the Cleveland Institute of Music as well as further studies in San Francisco. Beth settled in Calgary, Alberta where she enjoys an active performance career in Canada and abroad. Beth has recorded six commercial CDs and has premiered more than 50 new works for solo cello, cello/piano and chamber ensemble.

The intimate ambience of The Centre's morning concert series, the ***Cellicious*** audience can expect a musical experience like no other. For the Bergmann's, the format creates

both a special atmosphere and an exciting opportunity to return and catch up with an audience they have come to know well. “We absolutely love the more informal aspect to these concerts and the opportunity to be 'up close and personal' with the audience,” Elizabeth concludes. “We always enjoy coming to Chilliwack, and with our regular performances at The Centre, we feel as though we have been able to get to know the audience on a more personal level. It’s always a privilege to share that connection.”

The morning concerts offer a very close and personal experience, with complimentary coffee, tea, and refreshments. “It is great that the series is established and we can get to know people in each of the communities,” Elizabeth said. “A lot of people have heard us with the Vancouver Chamber Choir or the Vancouver Bach Choir or at the Orpheum, but not everyone can travel. It is wonderful to have opportunities like this and perform.”

With so much talent infused into one incredible show, *Cellicious* will be an experience you do not want to miss.

*Cellicious* is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **March 29, 2018 at 10:30 am.**

Tickets are \$27, and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca), or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

*Concerto Invierno* is sponsored by: *The Chilliwack Progress, the British Columbia Touring Council, the British Columbia Arts 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 360,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value close to \$6,000,000. 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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