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Description: Join an extraordinary gathering of magicians as world-champion magician Shawn Farquhar hosts this very popular Cabaret of Wonders!

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Prepare to be Amazed with *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XIV.*

CHILLIWACK, BC – Take astonishing acts of sleight of hand, mix in an assortment of mystifying illusions, then add in the delightfully charismatic personalities of the magicians taking to the stage, and you have the fourteenth installment of ***Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XIV!*** On **March 15**, Shawn Farquhar will once again be perplexing audiences in the intimate cabaret-style setting of the Chilliwack Cultural Centre's Rotary Hall. Tickets are sure to go quickly, so get yours before they're gone!

Featuring not only Farquhar's unbelievable skills The Cabaret of Wonders XIV will also welcome an assortment of talented special guests to share the stage with him!

Returning once again is Alex Zander and Billy Hsueh, while Gregory Wilson joins them for his first appearance in the Cabaret of Wonders series.

Originally from Maple Ridge, **Shawn Farquhar** has been performing magic for over twenty years, and for a variety of impressive audiences. From captivating crowds on cruises to having his magic appear in TV shows including *X-Files* and FOX's *Fringe*, Farquhar's skills have taken him worldwide. He has even opened for Penn & Teller in Las Vegas after appearing on their TV show *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*, where he was the first magician to have fooled them twice.

However, even after finding success on a global level, Farquhar finds that nothing beats coming home and performing in the Fraser Valley. "I almost feel like it's home away from home, especially after having done so many shows at The Centre. I feel like I'm home, and I know the patrons when I get there. I can see the people in the back of the room, I can talk to them, and we take a break in the middle to get to know them." He said, "It's a great feeling. I love all the trips around the world, but being able to drive to the gig and not having to take a plane, or sleep in a hotel room, is really cool. It's a great feeling. It's special."

Bringing his own unique magical flare, Billy Hsueh has been performing all across North America for the last eleven years, creating a style of magic that blends comedy and storytelling perfectly. He is currently an Executive Committee Member for the *International Brotherhood of Magicians*, and has competed in numerous local and international competitions, earning the titles of Pacific Coast Close Up Champion, Pacific Coast Platform Magic Champion, Canadian Association of Magicians Close-Up - Silver Medalist, and Vancouver Magic Circle Card Magician of the Year.

Alex Zander now stands as the current International Vice President for the *International Brotherhood of Magicians* and is now also the incoming President-Elect. He has been awarded the title Stage Magician of the Year by both the Canadian Association of Magicians and the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians for his signature brand of energetic comedy and magical impossibility that promises a one-night-only event to remember!

Also joining them is Californian *Gregory Wilson*, the Honest Con Man, who calls himself a “deceptionist” who breaks laws and stereotypes at the same time! As a world-class sleight of hand/con artist, he earns his laughs and his living on stage with pick-pocketing, card-sharking, street-swindling and mental manipulation. Picture *The Sting* and *Catch Me If You Can*. In Greg’s show, nothing is what it seems. With a healthy dose of misdirection and psychological influence, you’ll become deeply mystified and love every deceptive minute of it!

This incredible gathering of magicians paired with the intimate setting of the Rotary Hall Studio Theatre, make this the perfect place to experience the delights of live magic. “This is the venue to experience magic for your first time. You can participate as much or as little as you want to. You can sit in the back in the dark to watch the show, or you can sit in the front and hope to get picked to be part of the show. There are no camera tricks, and it all happens in front of you, so that magic you’ll experience feels real.”

Whether you’re looking for a fun evening out, or want to discover the thrills of live magic, *Shawn Farquhar’s Cabaret of Wonders* is the place to be.

Shawn Farquhar’s Cabaret of Wonders XIV is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **March 15** at **7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

Shawn Farquhar’s Cabaret of Wonders XVI platinum sponsor is: *Mertin Auto Group*. Other sponsors include: *The Chilliwack Progress, the BC 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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