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Description: Experience an exciting mix of passion and spice on stage with the strength and rhythm of Cuba when Liza Alfonso Dance Cuba performs in Cuba Vibra!

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Liza Alfonso's 'Cuba Vibra!' brings her country's rhythms to Chilliwack!

CHILLIWACK, BC – Shake of the chill of winter when *Liza Alfonso Dance Cuba* blows into Chilliwack, promising a hot night in Havana with ***Cuba Vibra!*** For its first Canadian tour since the 2010 Cultural Olympiad, *Liza Alfonso Dance Cuba* finally returns with an explosion of passion with a show that celebrates the diverse and rich mix of Cuba's cultures through music and dance!

Cuba Vibra! celebrates the development of Cuban music and dance from the late 1950's to the present with the aid of eighteen dancers and an onstage big band. The show is a kaleidoscopic fusion of ballet, flamenco, cha-cha, rumba, bolero and salsa dance in a theatrical manner that emphasizes unity. Cuba's stunning culture is showcased by the work of Cuban choreographer Liza Alfonso, who's been inspired and

guided by the stew of influences in her culture over the twenty-five years of her company.

"It was so amazing that, from that moment until today, I keep it in my memory," Alfonso says about when she took her first ballet class. "But then I say, 'This is not us. This is not Cuba, this is not our body movement, this is not our language.' It's in our roots, but it's not our way."

"Our way" - the Cuban way- is more than that. It's all the social dances wrapped around everyday life in Cuba, where almost everybody dances, Alfonso notes. "Danzon, cha-cha-cha, mambo, in the street or in the park, with the people. Because it's usual for us, it's normal."

Lizt Alfonso, the company's director and choreographer, founded her troupe in 1991 as an all-woman outfit named Danzas Ibéricas. By the next year, she had changed the name to Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba, and in 2000, the company became a resident ensemble at Havana's Gran Teatro, where the Cuban National Ballet also performs. Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba makes greater use of ballet, contemporary, and flamenco. It now also now includes male dancers.

Cuba Vibra! is authenticity, explosive energy, technical precision, elegance, and the very culture that permeates the fabric of everyday life in Cuba, and will leave you breathless. Don't miss the opportunity to see what is the final show in our Dance Series

[Cuba Vibra!](#) is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **March 12 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$37 for seniors and \$35 for youth, and can be purchased at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

Cuba Vibra! is sponsored by: *Hanne Selby, Chilliwack Community Services, Myriad, What's On!, Sure Stay Hotel, The Chilliwack Progress, The City of Chilliwack, 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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