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High-Resolution photo: [Hip.Bang!.jpg](#)

Description: Hip.Bang! is a comedy duo from Vancouver whose playful, absurd comedy has delighted audiences worldwide. They were nominated for a Canadian Comedy Award for Best Improv Troupe. Pretty fancy.

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This is a history lesson will leave you howling with laughter!

CHILLIWACK, BC – Has love always existed? How has love manifested throughout different cultures and even species? On **February 8 and 9**, Vancouver comedy duo *Hip.Bang!* are here to share their knowledge on *The History of Romance* with you. From the first slug like creatures through to modern times, they're ready to answer questions you didn't even know you had!

Tom Hill and *Devon Mackenzie* of *Hip.Bang!* take on the personas of Puss and Leslie, a pair of Pangean-sexuals (a person who loves everything), and cover topics ranging from slug mating rituals, the mess that is modern dating and the real history of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Leslie and Puss will happily tell you that the

first draft wasn't about a pair of star-crossed lovers, but rather the story of a man and his crabs doctor.

Hip.Bang!'s sketch comedy thrives on disrupting audience's expectations and they're more than happy to do just that in ***The History of Romance***. Inspired by the duo's years of experience performing as an improv duo, *Hip.Bang!*'s scripted work is fast, unapologetically absurd, and physically thrilling. The controlled and hilarious chaos that defined their improvised work remains the beating heart of *Hip.Bang!* as a sketch comedy duo.

"It's definitely not improv - we should be really clear about that," Hill said. "There are improvised moments in it, where we're adapting to what the audience kind of gives us in certain moments, but for the most part it's a theatrical comedy understanding of romance through the decades."

Hill and Mackenzie are writers for CBC Radio's *The Irrelevant Show*, and they've been nominated for a *Canadian Comedy Award* for Best Improv Troupe. They've also been featured at theatres and festivals around the world, including the *Comedy Central Stage* in L.A., *Vancouver SketchFest*, *Just For Laughs Northwest*, *San Francisco SketchFest* and *Toronto SketchFest*. Their first full-length comedy show, *White Pants*, was featured around Canada and the U.S. and was a sell out at the Edmonton and Vancouver Fringes.

[The History of Romance](#) is the authoritative history of romantic thought you never realized you wanted but have always truly needed. Gather your friends for an exciting evening staring the most hysterical lesson on romance you will ever have.

The History of Romance is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **February 8 and 9** 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).

The History of Romance is sponsored by: *The Chilliwack Players Guild, 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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