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Description: Elizabeth and Marcel draw on for this programme dedicated to nature and the awakening of it.

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## Dazzling pianists bring a programme wrapped in the joys of spring to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre!

CHILLIWACK, BC – Melt away the chill of the season with the warmth of a spectacular morning concert showcasing the incredibly spectacular Bergmann Duo on **February 22** in *Songs of the Earth*. Sure to be a concert full of energy and intensity, this delightful performance is an inspiring way to start the weekend.

Featuring Beethoven's evocative 6<sup>th</sup> symphony, Debussy's romantic symphony and the jazz influenced La Creation du Monde by Milhaud, Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann have created a programme dedicated to nature and the awakening of it.

“Communicating with an audience and bringing joy, excitement and inspiration through music, I love the uniqueness of each concert experience - you never know what will happen exactly.” Says Elizabeth.

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 4th Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition.

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.”

“This format is becoming more and more popular as many people don’t like to drive at night, and they love the fact that they can find classical music in their own community.” Marcel continues. “In addition, they enjoy the “up close and personal” aspect of the concert.”

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

[Songs of the Earth with the Bergmann Duo](#) is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **February 22** 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).

*Songs of the Earth with the Bergmann Duo* is sponsored by: *The Chilliwack Progress, The City of Chilliwack, The British Columbia Arts Council, The British Columbia Touring Council, 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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