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Description: As a wonderful introduction to the joy of the hit television series for first timers, it'll have the uninitiated rolling in the aisles, while die-hard fans fondly remember the brilliance of The Golden Girls!

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## **Prepare for an evening of laughter and familiar friends as Dorothy, Sophia, Rose and Blanche reunite for this lovingly hilarious live Golden Girls tribute show!**

CHILLIWACK, BC – Delivering all the classic dialogue, razor sharp gags and taboo-breaking stories of the classic television show, *Thank You For Being A Friend* is the ultimate *Golden Girls* tribute show with a twist! For seven seasons *The Golden Girls* were the queens of television comedy, and twenty years later, they're coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre, but this time as life-sized puppets.

Blanche's son, Jeremiah, has returned home to tell his mother that he and his partner are having a child through a surrogate mother. The news that she will soon be a

grandmother makes her bristle, if only because she isn't entirely pleased by the idea of being considered old and a granny. All of this happens on top of her recent discovery that author E.L. James has stolen her life story and turned it into the best-selling book, *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

The story continues with Dorothy having to take Sophia to the doctor, but with Sophia's dislike of visiting the doctor, Dorothy has to promise to take her to Disneyland instead. Meanwhile, Rose is trying to get someone to help her write a song for the Miami Tourist Board competition.

Written and produced by Canadians *Neil Gooding* and *Matthew Henderson*, this witty show offers up snappy banter performed by character perfect actors and their puppets.

While *Thank You For Being A Friend* may be a tribute, it's not just for fans of *The Golden Girls*. There are jokes relevant to the show and the characters within them, but this adaption makes it easy for those unfamiliar with the show to quickly understand the dynamic of the characters. These four crotchety old women debate ethical issues of the day, while at the same time keeping things light and humorous with modern pop culture references.

From the opening chords of the iconic intro song to the final bows, *Thank You For Being A Friend* will take you back to the warm, charming home of these four single women, so get your tickets before they're gone.

[\*Thank You For Being A Friend\*](#) is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **February 17 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors and \$30 for students, 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).

*Thank You For Being A Friend* is sponsored by: Unger Windows & Doors Ltd, Amax Praetorian, The Royal Hotel, What's On!, *The Chilliwack Progress*, *The City of*

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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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