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Description: Shakespeare's tale of love, anguish and revenge is masterfully transformed into Bengt Jörgen's magical world of ballet in *Romeo & Juliet*.

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## ***A deeply evocative ballet that will touch audiences with its emotion, wit, and sheer beauty!***

CHILLIWACK, BC — Daring, bold and captivating, Ballet Jörgen returns to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre with a timeless tale of love, anguish, and revenge. On **February 14**, Shakespeare's classic romantic tale *Romeo & Juliet* turns the stage into a visual delight that will be the perfect way to spend an evening with your sweetheart.

Focusing on creating a clear and emotionally driven journey into this well-loved tale, Bengt Jörgen the artistic director of Ballet Jörgen has kept true to the original story. *Romeo & Juliet* has sparked the imaginations of many artists through the centuries, inspiring all of those it touches. Bengt Jörgen has created a work that highlights the intimacy and warmth of this story, in what is sure to captivate the audience.

"Our story of love begins with the smell of a rose and the prick of a thorn," says Bengt Jörgen. "The journey as two lovers unite and a mother defies — in the end, it's a story that is more pure than dark."

Those who experienced the performances of *Swan Lake*, *Anastasia*, and *Coppélia* at The Centre know that no other company captures the atmosphere of Valentine's Day better than Ballet Jörgen, whose tenderness, vitality, and humour add something new to even the most familiar of tales. *Romeo & Juliet* offers an intriguing and engaging perspective on this story of love and innocence and shows the audience why it has won international recognition and critical acclaim.

Ballet Jörgen has been a staple contribution to the Canadian arts community since its creation 31 years ago in 1987. The organization now produces more than 120 performances a year. Based in Toronto, Ballet Jörgen provides ballet training in elementary schools in partnership with George Brown College.

Come and enjoy this breathtaking performance as the plight of these ill-fated lovers is portrayed through dance!

Aspiring photographers! On the day of the show, the dancers of *Ballet Jörgen* and local photographer Vicki Legere will demonstrate how to capture the beauty of the human body in [People in Motion Photography](#). This workshop runs from **1:15 to 5:15 pm** on **February 14**. The cost for this workshop is \$41. Contact the Centre Box office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) to register.

[Romeo & Juliet](#) is generously sponsored by: *Aromatica Fine Teas, The Chilliwack Progress, the British Columbia Arts Council, the BC Touring Council, the City of Chilliwack, the Province of British Columbia and the Department of Canadian Heritage.*

*Romeo & Juliet* is coming to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **February 14, 2022**, at **7:30 pm**.

Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$42 for seniors and \$40 for youth, 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).

With the constantly changing environment of a COVID-19 world, The Society strives towards keeping pace and making sure The Centre is functioning at the highest level of [safety protocols](#), while also keeping the arts alive.

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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 and the Canadian Tire Lobby. 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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