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FREE CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW CONCLUDES CANADA 150 FALL CONCERT SERIES

Celebrate the season with song and entertainment for all ages when the Township of Langley presents a free Christmas Variety Show at the Chief Sepass Theatre in Fort Langley on Sunday, December 3, at 2:00pm. Featuring performances by Portraits of Us, The Kwerks, Rachel Button, and Kellie Haines, the concert offers something for everyone.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy some holiday favourites, and experience some of the many talented local performers we are fortunate to have in our area,” said Peter Tulumello, the Township’s Director of Arts, Culture and Community Initiatives. The free event concludes the Township’s Canada 150 Fall Concert series, which was held along with a Summer Concert Series to celebrate our nation’s milestone birthday.

To register for a free ticket, log in to RecExpress.ca and use course barcode 535645, or contact any of the Township’s recreation centres listed at tol.ca/recreation-culture/facilities.

Portraits of Us is a duo from the Fraser Valley, made up of married couple Jason and Anna Ratzlaff. Since forming in 2016, they have performed original music with the Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra, played on many Canadian stages, and completed their first western Canadian tour. Their sound is clean, melodic, and filled with intricate vocal and instrumental parts. Portraits of Us released their debut album *Guard Your Heart* in August of 2017.

Look for their videos on Youtube at [youtube.com/channel/UCmtjac8dHOAO4Gwa-VfhXA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmtjac8dHOAO4Gwa-VfhXA).

The Kwerks, comprised of Langley-based couple Laura and Ryan Koch, perform unique, snappy folk-pop with hints of bluegrass and rock. They released two EPs in 2016 and were featured in a Dominion Lending Centres national commercial campaign. The Kwerks scooped up a Fraser Valley Music Award nomination and made it to the national top 25 in this year's CBC Searchlight Competition. Their songs have been picked up by radio stations locally and nationally, and their live performances are infused with sassy dance moves and funny stories. Visit thekwerks.com.

Rachel Button is a professional musician who has 10 years' experience performing, songwriting, and recording in the UK, US, and Canada. Hailing from Britain, she has performed at The Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Palace, and The Great British Folk Festival, and is currently a vocal coach at the Langley Community Music School. Hear her perform at rachelbutton.com/videos.

Ventriloquist and family entertainer Kellie Haines started talking and singing to her stuffed animals at the age of eight. When they started talking back, she knew she had a show! With a background in theatre, clowning, singing, and dance, Kellie performs at festivals, in schools across Canada, and as a puppeteer/singer for television. Her dream came true recently when she worked as a puppeteer on a TV movie with The Jim Henson Company. Visit kelliehaines.com/videos-pics.

For more information about the Christmas Variety Show, visit tol.ca/events, or contact the Arts, Culture and Community Initiatives Division at canada150@tol.ca.