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The Step Crew

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Take Nathan and Jon Pilatzke, two brothers from rural Ontario who haphazardly get started in Canadian Step dancing and fiddling as young children. The two boys, like a surprisingly high amount of other Canadian children, spend their summer weekends travelling around Ontario competing in Fiddle and Step dance festivals. Cut to years later – Nathan and Jon pursue their art forms into a professional career. It is in this forum that they encounter multi-time Irish Step dancing champion Cara Butler and the three friends unknowingly and unwittingly create the core, both physically and conceptually, for a new dance production aptly titled The Step Crew.

It is this type of connection and familiarity that are the backbone of The Step Crew – other dancers and musicians in the show traceable like branches of a tree back to its trunk. However, the mission of this troupe involves much more than simply the gathering of extremely talented friends. The Step Crew is a completely original and virtuosic display of three styles of percussive dance – Irish Step dancing, Ottawa Valley Step dancing, and Tap – in a fully realized theatrical setting. This mission could not be clearer as the curtain rises to a short taste of each style in its traditional form, only to be followed by a bolt to the senses resulting in the full company dancing a uniform style – a style which Jean Butler of Riverdance fame could only describe as “*a unique and seamless blend of all three*”. From there this amazing company take you on a journey from a house party in the back kitchen of an old Irish cottage, to a lamp lit sidewalk in New York City, to a French Canadian lumber camp in Quebec, using nothing more than their feet.

Good seats are available for the performance at 7:30pm; \$40 for adults, \$32 for students, with group rates available. Call the Civic Hall Box Office for tickets: 765-973-3350, or visit www.civichall.com. Box Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30am - noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are happily accepted. There is a \$1.00 fee for mailing ticket orders and a \$5.00 fee for credit card processing.

All events, dates and times are subject to change.

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