

Victoria Tea Festival Media Release



Festival Announces Feature Stage Presentations

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Victoria, BC: Event organizers are predicting that 4,000 Greater Victoria residents and visitors will attend this month's Victoria Tea Festival where more than 40 exhibitors will showcase the tastes, smells, sights and sounds of the global tea culture.

The event also features a host of tea related presentations that paid event attendees are welcome to attend at no additional charge. "Our 40-minute Feature Stage presentations always are a highlight of the Festival," said event Chair Lisa Stekelenburg. "This year's presenters are talking about everything from the finer points of tea etiquette to tips for making great tea cocktails and tea-infused pastries."

Daniela Cubelic, owner of Silk Road, will be presenting "An Introduction to Professional Tea Tasting." Cubelic is a professional tea master who completed ten years of intensive training with Chinese and Taiwanese tea masters.

"The success of the Victoria Tea Festival is a clear indication of the growing popularity of tea," says Cubelic, who has sponsored the festival since its inception. "At Silk Road we encourage our customers to explore the culture and ever expanding world of tea, and learning how to taste tea so that you can discover the many complexities behind flavours and aromas is a first step."

Seating for Feature Stage presentations is limited and available on a 'first-come, first served' basis with paid admission.

For a full list of presentation descriptions, more event details and list of ticket outlets, visit www.victoriateafestival.com.

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Victoria Tea Festival
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Feature Stage Presentation Schedule

Saturday, February 18th:

- 1:00 p.m.: **Tea Etiquette**
(Presenter: Bernadette Petrotta, Author)
- 2:00 p.m.: **Intro to Professional Tea Tasting**
(Presenter: Daniela Cubelic, Silk Road)
- 3:00 p.m.: **Tea Cocktails**
(Presenter: Solomon Siegel, Bartender)

Sunday, February 19th:

- 12:00 p.m. **Health Benefits and Uses of Herbal Teas: A Naturopathic Perspective**
(Presenters: Dr. Jasmine Wong and Dr. Kyle Morrison)
- 1:00 p.m.: **The Historical Art of Murchie's Tea Blending**
(Presenter: Nancy Davis, Murchie's)
- 2:00 p.m.: **Tea-Infused Pastries**
(Presenter: Chef David Booth, Terrible Truffles)