



LUXURY HOME & DESIGN SHOW

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A NORTH AMERICAN FIRST - WORLD-RENOWNED POTTER AND ORGANIC TEA EXPERT JOIN TOGETHER FOR EXCLUSIVE TEA CEREMONIES AT THE LUXURY HOME & DESIGN SHOW

A never-before offered chance to experience first-hand Taiwan's resurging brew tea culture, in rare ceramics hand-made by the world-famous firewood pottery "gambler"

Vancouver, BC (May 17, 2018): Imagine meeting Taipei organic tea expert **David Tsay** and sampling his special blends from a limited edition ceramic teacup made in the Taiwan mountains by renowned firewood potter **Tian Chengtai** - and then bringing home your one-of-a-kind-collectible cup.

*A specially designed and purpose-built **Tea Pavilion** at the **Luxury Home & Design Show** will bring together these two masters for tea ceremonies at reserved seatings on June 22, 23 and 24 at BC Place. This is an exclusive, specially-ticketed event at the show. **Mr. Tian will create a special collection for these tea ceremonies.***



Tian Chengtai

Living in Taiwan's mountains, Mr. Tian is setting a new standard in wood-fired pottery. After years mastering the craft of wood-fired pottery, Mr. Tian spent another year learning from a master how to create his own kiln. He heats his limited edition and exclusive pottery for several days, and then lets it take another week to cool down leaving an impeccable finish.

In wood-fired kilns, pottery, ash, and fire are all in the kiln at the same time. Early in the process, soot and charcoal penetrate into its fine pores. Later, the ash melts under the extreme heat, and an "ash glaze" coats the pottery, birthing a beautiful yet simple, rustic look.

He likens the process to a "gamble", not knowing whether his creations will meet his high standards, or be simply rejected. He is a perfectionist and smashes deficient creations, no matter how slight the imperfection, leaving only the best for the top auction houses and pottery aficionados. "There are 300 pieces in one kiln," he says. "I can fire them five times and only 30 pieces are left. What I want are these 30 pieces." **His presentation at the Tea Pavilion will be his first-ever in North America.**

David Tsay

For more than 30 years, this famous Taiwanese tea master has cultivated his organic tea plantation with the principles of both sustainable farming and traditional Chinese culture in heart. In Taoism, tea

embodies the harmony between man and nature. In Buddhism, it is seen as a cleansing drink that can clear the mind. David feels pesticides and fertilizers destroy the properties of tea long appreciated in China. An electrical engineer by trade, David moved to the countryside and set his mind to producing organic teas with all the flavour and greatness of those teas eulogized by Chinese poets of yore.

The Tea Pavilion

The environment being created for this special experience is being designed by Vancouver architect **Imu Chan**, the founder and principal architect of FSOARK who personally went to Taiwan to meet Mr. Tian for his inspiration on how to design the Tea Pavilion ([read about that experience here](#)).

It's one of several specially-designed layouts that are part of the 2018 Luxury Home & Design Show, which will turn BC Place into an "Italian piazza" from June 21-24. This is the show's largest four-day presentation yet for guests with a deep appreciation of craftsmanship, quality, innovation and design.

Guests will experience luxury and elegance through artwork, home décor and other bespoke items from around the world. Top international designers, artisans and other [exhibitors](#) will be at the show to talk about about the inspiration that drives them and their creations.

(SEE ATTACHED BACKGROUNDER FOR MORE EXHIBIT DETAILS)

Charity Partners – Arts Umbrella and BC Cancer Foundation.

In addition to the craftsmanship, quality and innovation behind the beautiful things we appreciate, design is also important from a "form and function" point of view. Recognizing this, the Luxury Home and Design Show will make donations to **Arts Umbrella**, and **BC Cancer Foundation** with funds raised at the show's **Opening Night Debut & Charity Fundraiser** on the first day of the show June 21, 2018. This separately-ticketed fundraising dinner event will feature cuisine prepared by a famous Italian chef and is hosted by the Italian Chamber of Commerce.

Arts Umbrella provides the highest quality dance, theatre, and visual arts programming available for 20,000 young people each year. The BC Cancer Foundation is working with students at Emily Carr University of Art + Design to specially develop six waiting room and treatment chairs specifically designed for patients being treated for cancer. Their designs will be on display at the Luxury Home and Design Show.

Tickets and Show Information

Tickets for the 2018 Luxury Home and Design Show are available on a single-day admission basis at www.lhdshow.com. Tickets for the "Tea Pavilion" are available separately.

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