



# LUXURY HOME & DESIGN SHOW

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Bespoke and exclusive creations being crafted for Vancouver's “Luxury Home and Design Show” – June 21-24

*Meet shoemakers from Stefano Bemer; see hand-crafted stained glass still made as it was 400 years ago, 21<sup>st</sup> century lighting inspired by Leonardo DaVinci himself and more*

**Vancouver, B.C. (May 22, 2018):** The demand for luxury décor, artisanal craftsmanship and bespoke creations for the home is growing faster in Vancouver than perhaps anywhere else on the West Coast – but many of the most familiar names from that sphere are rarely seen here.

The third **Luxury Home and Design Show** at **BC Place** on **June 21-24** offers the rare chance for those who appreciate design and innovation in its truest form to experience in person, and acquire, carefully curated bespoke décor and artwork from some of the world's top artisans and privately-invited luxury product companies. (See updated [exhibitors list](#) here.)



For one weekend, guests at the show will meet renowned design masters and artisans, and experience rare and beautiful creations that celebrate authenticity, heritage and the very spirit behind luxury brands. The Renaissance is the event theme and the show will be staged in an 8,000 square foot custom-built Italian piazza layout inside BC Place.

“Frankly, this is not a show for those looking for ordinary manufactured home décor items,” says Show Director Wendy Guo. “Our show resonates with those who want to shed the confines of the mass-market mentality. We combine the ancient wisdom, ideals and spirit of traditional Chinese culture and marry it to modern innovation, heritage and craftsmanship of Western culture. For those looking for only the most-exclusive home and decor items, this show is an absolute must.”

There will be private shopping for limited edition and exclusive items, artwork from all over the world never before sold in Canada, and an **exclusive Tea Pavilion** created especially for tea ceremonies with Taiwan’s world-famous pottery master **Tian Chengtai**.

**Here are some of the exhibitors coming in person, or creating exclusive pieces for the Luxury Home and Design Show**



**Stefano Bemer handmade gentlemen’s shoes – the Art of Experience**

Stefano Bemer’s classical qualities, integrity, and authenticity have attracted loyal patrons such as the late Italian fashion designer Gianfranco Ferré and Spanish singer Julio Iglesias. The Florence, Italy-based shoemaker sees the virtues of artisanship as more than simple surface beauty. It’s a marriage of art, self-expression, function, and life. Shoemakers from Stefano Bemer will be at the Luxury Home and Design Show. **(See more about Stefano Bemer [here](#).)**



**What Leonardo da Vinci would make today**

In keeping with the Renaissance theme of the show, **Maurice and Karen Dery** of Vancouver-based **Karice** will design a bespoke lighting fixture for the Luxury Home and Design Show based on what Leonardo da Vinci himself would design if he were alive and had today’s technology at his fingertips. Karice is known for making lighting and metalwork with the utmost creativity and ingenuity. “This light fixture is going to be interactive. You will be able to move the direction of your light through gears and chains.” They’re not letting on anything else about what they’re designing, but Karen teases it has “Never been done, never been seen.” **(See more about Karice [here](#).)**

### Backlighting the Jade: from ancient Asia to modern design

The Luxury Home & Design Show has invited celebrity designer Timothy Bullinger to create a custom collection by partnering with Vancouver Jade. Jade is solid stone yet its structure is like that of woven fabric which allows light to shine through, casting an enchanting green glow. Vancouver Jade takes advantage of this as it creates back-lit works of art and furniture. Designer Dean Cloutier says they recall the *jali* — latticed screens or perforated stone, often featuring lace-like designs — of ancient Indian architecture. (See more about Vancouver Jade [here](#))



### A North American First: Tea Ceremony hosted by Taipei Tea Master with highly-sought pottery ware from Taiwan

Often seen dressed like a hermit as he wanders around his workshop in the mountains of Taiwan, **Master Tian Chengtai** spends days on end creating the most sought-after pottery on the global luxury market. He will create for the Luxury Home & Design Show an exclusive collection of his earthy, yet lofty, pottery that will also be used in a special tea ceremony at the show. Guests at this ceremony will taste the special organic teas of a renowned tea master, served in Master Tian's precious pottery ware — which they will take home with them after. (See more about Master Tian Chengtai [here](#).)



### Seeing the world through rose coloured (stained) glass

Locally-based **John and Laura Gilroy** of **Gilroy Stained Glass** are the last apprentices of the ancient method of making stained glass. The Gilroys trained at the storied James Clark & Eaton studio in Bristol, established in 1788 and now create each piece by hand with great precision and care. They Gilroys will custom-design a masterpiece for the Luxury Home & Design Show. (See more about John and Laura Gilroy [here](#).)

***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 additional show information***

*Tickets for the 2018 **Luxury Home and Design Show** are available on a single-day admission basis at [www.lhdshow.com](http://www.lhdshow.com). Tickets for the “**Tea Pavilion**” are available separately.*

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