



Bring Lawn Chairs to *Splash*, But Not Before Sunday Please

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VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria and Greater Victoria Harbour Authority remind *Victoria Symphony Splash* concert goers that the chaining of lawn chairs is a safety concern and is prohibited on public property and the lower causeway.

“Victoria’s Inner Harbour will host thousands of people this August long weekend and we want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time,” said Katie Josephson, Director of Corporate Communications. “While we recognize the desire for reserved seating, the chaining of lawn chairs to fencing along the harbour interferes with walkways and prevents everyone from having the same access to prime seating for a tremendous, community event.”

To maintain pedestrian access along walkways on days leading up to the event, lawn chairs are not to be set up on the upper and lower causeway until Sunday, August 1, starting at 8 a.m. Areas where seating is permitted during the event will be marked with tape. Once lawn chairs are set up, people must remain with their seats until the concert begins.

Through education efforts over the past two years, not one chair has had to be removed.

This year, the *Victoria Symphony Splash* salutes the Royal Canadian Navy’s Centennial. The event will begin at 1 p.m. and will feature live music, food vendors and children’s activities in the *Splash Family Zone*. The opening act will commence at 4 p.m., with Tania Miller and the Victoria Symphony featured at 7:30 p.m. on a floating stage in Victoria’s Inner Harbour. The concert’s grand finale at 9:30 p.m. will feature the *1812 Overture*, accompanied by cannons and fireworks.

Lawn chairs affixed to public property on the upper causeway or on lower causeway property will be removed. Signs will be posted in the area. Lawn chairs will be available for retrieval by calling the City of Victoria Parks, Recreation and Culture Department on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 250.361.0369.

A passenger drop-off zone will be available on Government Street, located across the road from the Fairmont Empress Hotel on Sunday, August 1, 2010, from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For more information about *Victoria Symphony Splash*, visit: www.victoriasymphony.ca

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