Bring Lawn Chairs to Splash, But Not Before Sunday Please

Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2011

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

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, July 31, 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 three years, not one chair has had to be removed.

The event will begin at 1 p.m. and will feature live music, bouncy castles and children’s activities in the Splash Family Zone. A street dance with The Timebenders will commence at 4 p.m., with Tania Miller, the Victoria Symphony and the 2011 Young Soloist Alice Haekyo Lee 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 bells, 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 2, 2011 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, July 31, 2011, from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

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