

Whisky Galore at Singapore 1st whisky festival featuring 30 different Scotches

*In conjunction with **Touch of Tartan 2007***

Singapore, November 2007: The inaugural Whisky Galore Festival, presented by Spirit of Scotland on St. Andrew's Day - 30 November 2007, is set to offer a whisky tasting experience with a difference.

Besides the ubiquitous free flow supply of spirit that is available as per most whisky tasting events in town, participants to the ticketed Whisky Galore Festival will be treated to an astonishing array of over 30 different Scotch selections. (This is believed to be the first a selection of this quantity has been put up at a tasting event, unless otherwise contested.)

Presented with their very own original Glencairn whisky tasting glass (the definitive whisky glass endorsed by various whisky communities) and an event-specific booklet upon arrival at the Highlander, the aptly named bar & restaurant, and event venue, participants are free to move around various themed 'stations' with bottlings representing the different whisky producing regions of Scotland.

For the true-blue (and aspiring) whisky aficionados, there are also dedicated areas featuring themes such as 'Cask is King', 'Different Strengths' and 'Coastal Whiskies' and the opportunity to learn, from visiting Scotsman Mark Watt of independent bottler Duncan Taylor & Co, pointers to enhance their appreciation of one of the world's fastest growing spirit and status symbol.

Available too will be an award winning whisky along with a rare bottling from a 'lost' distillery. Participants also have the options to pair their whiskies with cigars available at the event.

Commencing the festival at 3pm on a Friday afternoon gives corporate organisation a chance to treat clients or simply an opportunity for friends and colleagues to kick start the weekend early with quality Scotch in the good company of fellow whisky lovers.

Spirit of Scotland and organiser, Andrew Skene is excited about the festival saying "As much as it's an occasion for merriments, we also hope that whisky enthusiasts will gain insights from the opportunity to try alternative vintages and bottlings from lesser known distilleries. At the end of the day, granted everyone will still have his or her favourites, but at least this decision will come from having a better understanding of the many unique qualities of Scotch whiskies."

OTHER FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Opportunity to be amongst the first to own a limited edition of Highlander's first private bottling of a Macallan 19 year old debuting at the festival.
- A spread of traditional Scottish fare 'done contemporary' and prepared by the Highlander Bar's kitchen.
- Acoustic Celtic music with a contemporary twist performed live by the Gow Bros
- Guest appearance & performance by **CLANADONIA** – a rambunctious 6-piece tribal drums and bag pipe band (think 'Braveheart') specially invited from Glasgow for the 'Touch of Tartan' that will take place from 8pm till late, on the same evening. [Visit www.clanadonia.co.uk or 'You Tube' for music samplers as well as their recent performances at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the Rugby World Cup in Paris.]



A 'TOUCH OF TARTAN'

After the Whisky Galore Festival ends at 7pm, participants are welcomed to adjoin outdoors to Clarke Quay's Central Square to continue the Scottish accented revelry with a touch of tartan - an evening of music, traditional Scottish ale and bites, with performance headlined by Clanadonia and



appearances by Celtic musicians and bands, Gan Ainn and The Disclaimers.

Touch of Tartan (TOT), together with the Whisky Galore Festival, are part of a week long Scottish accented extravaganza showcasing Scotland's sights, sounds and taste in celebration of St. Andrew's Day.

TOT is presented by Spirit of Scotland, in partnership with Highlander Bar and Clarke Quay.

EVENT DETAILS

Event: WHISKY GALORE FESTIVAL
Date: 30 November 2007 (Friday)
Time: 3-7 pm
Venue: Highlander Bar
Address: Block 3B, The Foundry, #01-11 Clarke Quay, River Valley Road, Singapore
Admission: By tickets only
Ticket prices: Pre-event SGD 188 - Closing date 27 Nov
Door SGD 200 - 30 Nov 2007
Groups SGD 158 - For groups of 10 and above

Pre-event tickets are available online at www.gatecrash.com.sg or at Highlander [Tel 6235 9528]. After 27 Nov, please purchase your tickets directly at Highlander. For enquiries, please contact Jeanette at 9768 1462.

The Bone Marrow Donor Programme (BMDP) is the official beneficiary of Touch of Tartan and extension of Clanadonia's avid support for the UK equivalent - Anthony Nolan Trust. Participants can purchase Friend of BMDP & TOT teddy bears at the festival.

ABOUT DUNCAN TAYLOR & CO

Duncan Taylor & Co began as whisky brokers and blenders in Glasgow in 1938 with a focus on exporting their own blended whiskies to the. They have been filling their own casks and laying down whiskies since the 1960s and when the current owner, Euan Shand, bought the company and its stocks in 2001, he acquired one of the largest privately held collections of rare Scotch whisky casks in the world.



Operations were moved to Huntly, Aberdeenshire, where the company also bottles its whiskies. The range includes 'Rarest of the Rare' (single cask, cask strength malts aged 17-42 years), NC2 (mainly single casks, 12-17 years, non chill-filtered at 46%), Battlehill (younger malts at 43%), Lonach (vatting of two casks from same distillery at same age (usually over 30 years), to bring them up to a natural strength of over 40%) and Big Smoke (Islay whiskies at 40%).

The company bottles around 200 expressions per annum, and won three out of the eight whisky magazine 'independent bottler' of the year awards in 2007. Duncan Taylor obtained planning permission to build a new distillery in Huntly in May 2007. According to plans, the distillery will be completed in summer 2008 and its first bottled single malt could be sold in 2018.

ABOUT SPIRIT OF SCOTLAND

Spirit of Scotland Pte Ltd specialises in bringing to Singapore and South East Asia, the best that Scotland has to offer, from its world-renowned spirits, flavorful fine foods & drinks to the unique cultural and artistic experience that is Scotland.

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