



Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto
Program Member



Newsletter

Ching Ming Festival, also known as Tomb-Sweeping Day, holds immense significance for the Chinese people, and this year it falls on April 4, 2024. It goes back over 2500 years to the Zhou Dynasty, emperors would conduct sacrificial rites to honor their ancestors, seeking blessings for prosperity, abundance, and peace for their kingdoms. During the Tang Dynasty, Emperor Xuanzong decreed that people pay homage to their ancestors at their ancestors' graves, marking the inception of ancestral worship practices.



The festival's name derives from the custom of visiting and tidying ancestors' graves, a symbol of reverence and remembrance of them. A clean tomb indicates to a passerby that the deceased is fortunate to have filial children and grandchildren who remember them and their contributions.

The ritual includes laying out offerings of food and beverages like tea and wine, flowers, lighting incense, and burning joss papers and paper money for the ancestors' use in their afterlife. Occurring in the spring, a season marked by frequent rainfall, some interpret the rain showers during this time as symbolic of the tears shed in their memories.

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The Ching Ming Festival is deeply rooted in the traditional Chinese cultural practice of filial piety and duty which emphasizes the importance of honoring and respecting one's ancestors and maintaining a strong family lineage and ties. This holiday is a time for families to come together and participate in traditions that have been passed down through generations. It reflects the strong family-oriented concept that is deeply ingrained in Chinese culture.

CCC P. C. Ho Theatre Highlights



Naser Zeynali Live in Toronto

Date: April 19, 2024 (Friday) 8:00pm
Venue: CCC P. C. Ho Theatre
Information: For the very first, Famous Persian singer Naser Zeynali will perform Live in Toronto!



Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra

Date: April 20, 2024 (Saturday) 8:00pm
Venue: CCC P. C. Ho Theatre
Information: Martin MacDonald, Conductor
This program features Smetana's symphonic poem "The Moldau". John Williams' Tuba Concerto (1985) performed by Jennifer Stephen, and Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, Op. 35, all showcasing orchestral grandeur and storytelling.



Toronto Tamilargal Chithirai Thiruvizha 2024

Date: April 21, 2024 (Sunday) 11:00 am
Venue: CCC P. C. Ho Theatre
Information: Get to meet and network with the best of Toronto in one place - Loving Families, Leading Businesses, Qualified Professionals, Talented Artists, Toronto Dignitaries and many others.

CCC Learning



Chinese Calligraphy (CC0224M)

Date: Every Monday
Venue: CCC Learning Centre
Time: 10:15 am to 11:45 am
Language: Cantonese
Class: February 26 to May 13, 2024
Fee: \$86 (10 classes)



Chinese Calligraphy (CC0224S) - Virtual

Date: Every Saturday
Venue: Zoom
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 noon
Language: Cantonese
Class: February 17 to May 4, 2024
Fee: \$86 (10 classes)



Tai Chi / Qi Gong (TC/QG0324)

Date: Every Tuesday
Venue: CCC ABCD Room
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 noon - Tai Chi
7:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Tai Chi Fan
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Tai Chi (English)
Language: Cantonese
Class: March 5 to May 28, 2024
Fee: \$50 (20 classes)



Qi Gong Practice

Date: Every 2nd Tuesday on the month
Venue: CCC ABCD Room
Time: 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Language: Cantonese
Class: Start April, 2024
Fee: Free



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