

## **Celebrated chef Ken Hom OBE to headline Althorp Food & Drink Festival**

### **Nation's favourite to share his Eastern culinary expertise at Festival Masterclasses**

The award-winning Althorp Food & Drink Festival returns on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May 2019, with over 100 diverse and inspiring food and drink stands, as well as show-stopping culinary events and experiences.

Chef, broadcaster, author and restaurateur Ken Hom OBE will headline the Festival for the first time alongside world-renowned chef Jean-Christophe Novelli and celebrity baker Mich Turner MBE. Ken will be leading a number of enticing demonstrations over the weekend. As an exciting new addition for 2019, Festival guests can now also gain a unique opportunity to learn from the best with a 90-minute cooking masterclass taught by Ken himself.

Widely regarded as one of the world's greatest authorities on oriental cooking, Ken Hom OBE is known for bringing authentic Chinese cuisine to the kitchens of Britons all over the country. Ken landed his first television series in 1983 – Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery, which bore the same title as the book that many still regard as the 'bible' of oriental cuisine. The show introduced and demystified Chinese cooking for the UK over 30 years ago, and was an instant hit all over the world. Ken has since received multiple Michelin stars for his world-class restaurants, written a whole library of best-selling cookery books, and has sold over 8 million Ken Hom Woks – one in seven Britons owns one!

Ken comments: "I am very much looking forward to being at the Althorp Food & Drink Festival. I have lots of surprises up my sleeve and will be demonstrating a variety of my recipes throughout the weekend. I love interacting with the public, sharing my knowledge and experience of tastes and flavours from around the world that continue to inspire my recipes and meals. And all within a beautiful, quintessentially British setting. Wonderful!"  
Lord Spencer comments: "Ken Hom's infectious charm and huge breadth of culinary knowledge are bound to win over those lucky enough to see him at the Althorp Food & Drink Festival. I am so pleased he's agreed to bring his flair for exotic dishes to this most English of settings."

Alongside the numerous shopping and tasting opportunities, visitors can enjoy an array of entertaining performances and activities, all set against the backdrop of Althorp's stunning grounds. The Festival's new, outdoor live music stage will feature some of Northamptonshire's finest musical talents, while falconry displays, cocktail-making classes, book signings, and a new Animals of Althorp exhibition are sure to keep the whole family well and truly entertained.

Ticket prices are as follows:

Early Bird Day Ticket – £8.50 per person, includes access to chef demonstrations with Ken Hom OBE and others on a first-come-first-served basis

Children 12 and Under – FREE with a paying adult

NEW FOR 2019 Early Bird Full Weekend Ticket – £15.00 per person

Tickets are available now. Please visit [spencerofalthorp.com](http://spencerofalthorp.com). Don't miss out – tickets will sell quickly!