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“Yan Can Cook” in Tukwila for Chinese New Year

TUKWILA, Wash. (January 9, 2008) – Celebrity Chef and PBS personality Martin Yan is headed to Tukwila to kick off Chinese New Year the weekend of February 1-3, 2008. The “Culinary Weekend with Martin Yan” event is part of the city’s Centennial Celebration demonstrating Tukwila life. Details are available at www.tukwila100.com/martinyan.

Food lovers can celebrate with Yan by booking tickets to the package offered by the City. Packages include a meet and greet with Yan, an introduction to Chinese ingredients at the Great Wall Shopping Mall, an exclusive cooking demonstration at the Albert Lee Culinary Events Center and an invitation to attend a traditional Chinese dinner at the Imperial Garden restaurant with Martin Yan as host. The opportunity for cookbook signings will also be made available. Weekend hotel packages are available through the host hotel Doubletree Guest Suites at just \$323 (single occupancy). For those looking to stop by just for the day, individual event tickets are available for the cooking demonstration or the dinner (\$50 and \$75 respectively). A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit KCTS Public Television.

Yan is a certified Master Chef, a highly respected food consultant, a cooking instructor and a prolific author. He has written more than 26 cookbooks, including the award winning *Martin Yan’s Feast*, *Martin Yan’s Asian Favorites*, *Chinese Cooking for Dummies*, *Martin Yan’s Chinatown Cooking* (intro by Julia Child) and his latest, *Martin Yan’s Quick & Easy*. He currently hosts *Martin Yan’s Chinatown* on PBS. The show provides a grand culinary tour of eleven of the world’s greatest Chinatowns.

Born in Guangzhou, China, to a restaurateur father and a mother who operated a grocery store, Chef Yan possessed a passion for cooking at an early age. His formal induction into the culinary world began at thirteen, with an apprenticeship at a popular Hong Kong restaurant. He refined his natural talent at the Overseas Institute of Cookery in Hong Kong then pursued an MS in Food Science at the University of California/Davis in the United States. As an instructor in the university’s extension program, he discovered a flair for teaching.

In 1978, he pioneered a daily Chinese cooking show: the now classic “Yan Can Cook.” Infusing lessons with his characteristic warmth, humor and vitality, he quickly won a devoted

following. The format expanded into a cooking show/travelogue, featuring culinary hot spots throughout Asia.

The Tukwila Centennial Celebration events are highlighting the past, present and future of the Tukwila area. Festivities will continue through the end of June 2009. Additional activities include a backyard wildlife festival, historic presentations, sporting events, Memorial Day at the Museum of Flight, fireworks on the 4th, heart-healthy activities, hotel and shopping packages.

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