

Decorex Durban includes award-winning barista

Decorex Durban, scheduled for 20-23 March 2014 at the Durban Exhibition Centre, will feature South Africa's Champion Barista, Craig Charity of Lineage Coffee and Stretta Café.



He is one of the many lifestyle personalities set to add to the ideas and inspiration on offer at the exhibition. One of its highlights is the theatre featuring interactive cooking and entertaining demos by some of the city's culinary and lifestyle experts. Charity's demonstrations will not only be an opportunity to see the country's top barista in action, but also to get tips and tricks on how to make specialty coffees at home.

Charity, who was crowned South Africa's best barista at the national championships last year, heads for Burundi later this month to take part in the African barista championships and to Italy in June to take part in the world Barista championship competition to find the world's best barista.

Last year, he launched his own coffee roastery, Lineage Coffee and opened a café in Hillcrest in partnership with Stretta Café, Having won the national championship, best espresso and best cappuccino, using his own brand of coffee; both are the talk of the town.

His preference is for a light and fruity roast, prepared in an AeroPress coffee filter with a Chemex paper filter that delivers no bitter taste or ground in the cup.

"I want to open people's mind and taste buds to experiential coffee rather than just keep-me-awake coffee. My demonstration will focus on creating specialty coffees and I'm hoping to create real Alice in Wonderland experience with tastes no-one's tried before," he says.

For more information, go to www.decorex.co.za.