

# A Tribute to the Vivid Artistry of *Frida*with a Frida Kahlo-Inspired Afternoon Tea Experience and Hong Kong Ballet's Production of *Frida*







6 March 2025 (Hong Kong SAR) – In a celebration of art, passion and creativity, The Lobby Lounge at Regent Hong Kong is partnering with Hong Kong Ballet to present an exclusive afternoon tea inspired by the legendary Mexican painter Frida Kahlo. From 24 March to 8 May, guests can indulge in a beautifully crafted afternoon tea set featuring a selection of exquisite pastries, each drawing inspiration from Kahlo's bold colours, surrealist imagery and Mexican heritage.

This culinary tribute coincides with Hong Kong Ballet's mesmerising production of *Frida* - a visually stunning ballet that brings to life the triumphs and tragedies of this iconic 20th-century artist. The Lobby Lounge's afternoon tea offers a sensory journey through flavours and textures that mirror Kahlo's artistic brilliance.

## Frida Kahlo-Inspired Afternoon Tea Experience

Inspired by Frida Kahlo's vibrant art and the vivid colours of Mexican culture, The Lobby Lounge's Head Chef Rajiv Chowdhoory and Regent Hong Kong's Executive Pastry Chef Andy Yeung have created an afternoon tea set that honours Kahlo's heritage and life journey with a celebration of South American flavours and flowers. As Frida Kahlo once said, 'I paint flowers so they will not die.'

Drawing from her deep connection to nature, Executive Pastry Chef Andy Yeung has created artisanal pastries in an exuberant display of colours, textures and floral tastes:

Frida Garden - This exquisite pastry celebrates Kahlo's vibrant garden at Casa Azul.
 Layers of elderflower and Japanese strawberry compote and cream are paired with a
 light mousse and fluffy chiffon cake base. Encased in a rich strawberry chocolate shell,
 each bite offers a delightful mix of floral and fruity flavours.

- Viva La Vida This colourful pastry embodies joy and resilience, highlighting the
  delightful combination of guava and lemon. Topped with a shimmering layer of lemon
  verbena crystal jelly, guava is wrapped in a light lemon yuzu mousse, resting on a soft
  sponge base.
- **Me and My Parrots** This plant-inspired pastry captures Frida's playful yet thoughtful side. It features smooth Uji matcha mousse, rich 70% chocolate with floral notes and a crunchy chocolate layer. At the centre of this pastry is a chewy black sugar mochi, providing an extraordinary texture with each bite.

Complementing Andy's artisanal pastries are savoury delights by The Lobby Lounge's Head Chef Rajiv Chowdhoory, who is creating finger sandwiches that celebrate South American flavours, including ingredients like guacamole, pineapple chutney, cage-free egg tortillas, and chipotle mayonnaise. The menu also features sweet corn and ricotta empanadas with a hint of spice.

Accompanying our homemade scones are delicious homemade jams in new spring flavours, including Hyuganatsu jam and raspberry hibiscus jam. Additionally, our freshly baked madeleines draw inspiration from South American flavours with Brazil nuts adding a delightful twist to this classic treat.

Guests can elevate their afternoon tea experience with thoughtfully crafted cocktails and mocktails:

- The Blue House This vibrant tequila-based cocktail featuring homemade butterfly pea syrup, zesty lime juice, chocolate-flavoured liqueur (Creme de Cacao) and orange-flavoured liqueur (Cointreau), creates a colourful, Mexican inspired cocktail experience.
- Frida's Orchard Exuding a delightful mix of sweetness and floral aromas. This refreshing fruity mocktail blends orange juice and mango juice with homemade osmanthus syrup and a finish of peach and jasmine soda.

## **Indulge in a Masterpiece of Flavors**

Whether celebrating a special occasion or simply savoring the moment, **Viva La Vida** is also available in a larger size, making it perfect for grand celebrations and gatherings. Selective pastries and cakes are also available on the Regent Hong Kong E-shop: <a href="https://regenthkshop.com/">https://regenthkshop.com/</a>

Join Regent Hong Kong and Hong Kong Ballet in a tribute to one of history's most influential and intriguing artists over an afternoon tea set filled with vibrant flavours and creativity. Then immerse yourself in Frida Kahlo's Surrealist world through the power of ballet.

Audiences can witness this breath-taking performance at The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts's Lyric Theatre from April 4 to 6. Guests holding Hong Kong Ballet tickets for Frida are entitled to a 15% discount on the exquisite afternoon tea set. Valid: From 24 March to 8 May 2025.

Restaurant reservations can be made via the online booking platform at <a href="https://hongkong.regenthotels.com/">https://hongkong.regenthotels.com/</a>. For dining enquiries, kindly contact Restaurant Reservations at <a href="mailto:dining.regenthk@ihg.com">dining.regenthk@ihg.com</a> or call + 852 2313 2313.

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Date: March 24 – May 8, 2024

Venue: The Lobby Lounge, Regent Hong Kong

Price: HK\$888 for two persons (subject to 10% service charge)

#### Hong Kong Ballet - Experience Frida through the Art of Ballet

This inspiring collaboration pairs culinary artistry with the world of dance, highlighting the Asian premiere of the Hong Kong Ballet's spellbinding production of *Frida*, choreographed by Annabelle Lopez Ochoa. Through movement, music, and theatrical storytelling, the ballet explores love, resilience, and artistic defiance, bringing Kahlo's extraordinary life to the stage. Audiences can witness this breath-taking performance at The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts's Lyric Theatre from April 4 to 6.

For tickets and further details, visit Hong Kong Ballet's official page.

#### **About Hong Kong Ballet**

Hong Kong Ballet (HKB) is recognised internationally as a world-class institution that represents Hong Kong's unique character. Since its inception in 1979, HKB has evolved into a vibrant performing arts organisation with a dynamic repertoire, forward-thinking community engagement initiatives and an emphasis on excellence.

Comprised of 50 dancers from all over the globe – Hong Kong, Mainland China and other parts of Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and North America, HKB has won recognition both regionally and internationally with celebrated re-stagings of the classics, neoclassical masterworks by George Balanchine and others and original ballets created for HKB and about Hong Kong. Additionally, HKB performs works by some of today's most sought-after choreographers, including Alexei Ratmansky, Christopher Wheeldon, Wayne McGregor, Justin Peck, Jiří Kylian, Nacho Duato and Annabelle Lopez Ochoa as well as innovative new works by its Choreographer-in-Residence, Hu Song-wei Ricky, and numerous emerging Hong Kong choreographers.

With almost 50 tours to 11 countries, HKB has recently toured throughout Europe, the US and Asia and places a special emphasis on representing Hong Kong in Mainland China and the West. HKB maintains the Hong Kong Academy of Ballet, a professionally-oriented ballet school, as well as a full schedule of award-winning community programmes and crossover collaborations throughout Hong Kong to ensure ballet is accessible to all. HKB has also produced engaging original videos and dance films that have collectively garnered over 10 million views online, connecting with ballet lovers worldwide.

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