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HIBIKIYA TO PERFORM AT ICE BREAKER Authentic Japanese Taiko Drumming Group

Great Falls, Montana – Lethbridge’s authentic Japanese Taiko drumming group, HIBIKIYA (pronounced HE BE KE YA), will be performing at the 39th Ice Breaker Road Race on Sunday, April 22 with performances throughout the day. Lethbridge Twinning Society is celebrating the Sister City designation between Lethbridge and Great Falls in a unique way. In collaboration with the Japanese Taiko group, HIBIKIYA, they will be traveling to Great Falls this coming weekend. Members of the Lethbridge Twinning Society have been participating in the Ice Breaker Road Race annually since 2006.

HIBIKIYA, under the direction of sensei, Bryan Pereverseff, is an authentic Japanese Taiko drumming group that performs original Japanese Taiko which has been gifted to them from their sister groups in Lethbridge’s “Sister City”, Towada City, Japan. HIBIKIYA is affiliated with and supported by the Southern Alberta Taiko Society. According to Race Director Patty Rearden: “We are excited to have this talented group perform at the 39th Annual Ice Breaker Road Race. They provide excellent entertainment and perform a type of music you don’t get to hear every day.”

HIBIKIYA will be performing on the stage in the Convention Center at the Civic Center at 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. just prior to the Awards Ceremony.

“We value, greatly, our established Sister City relations with Timashevsk, Russia, Culver City, California, Towada City, Japan, and our newest ‘Sister City’, Great Falls, Montana (2014). The Lethbridge Twinning



Society wants to share a unique opportunity with the Great Falls community,” says Lethbridge Twinning Society President, Harold Pereverseff. The Lethbridge Twinning Society was invited to perform at the Ice Breaker by the City of Great Falls Park and Recreation Department. The performances are being offered free of charge, in the spirit of the Lethbridge community extending the ‘hands of friendship’ across the United States border. “We are very grateful to have the support of the Canadian Consulate in Denver, Colorado (which oversees Montana) in this extension of ‘Sister City’ relations with Great Falls,” says Pereverseff.

HIBIKIYA will also have a performance on Saturday, April 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the Everyday IGA store parking lot at 2505 6th Avenue North.

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