

## WINNIPEG WHISKY FESTIVAL AT HOME – HOST BIOGRAPHY

### Stephen Wilson

*Crown Royal's Director of Whisky Engagement*

“Good people, good conversation and great whisky.” For Stephen, that’s what it’s all about. As Crown Royal’s Director of Whisky Engagement, he’s able to combine all of those things and more. He has had the pleasure of representing Diageo spirits for over fourteen years and has been fully dedicated to the Crown Royal team since 2015. His diverse background, coupled with his love for whisky, allows him to bring a one of a kind approach to his work.

Stephen thrives on sharing his knowledge and enjoyment of whisky with everyone from the connoisseur to the novice-adult experiencing whisky for the first time. His work has taken him throughout the world and includes: PR/media events, private events, seminars, whisky festivals, educational courses and more. From 2006 – 2015, he was the host of the Johnnie Walker Journey and House of Walker, a multi- sensory, one of kind tasting experience.

Having completed in-depth industry training across Canada, Scotland, Ireland, Kentucky and Tennessee, Stephen is well versed in whisky history, production processes, wood/ barrel management, sensory evaluation and maturation. He has also had the privilege of studying alongside a wide variety of whisky experts at some of the world’s most renowned distilleries, including the Master Blenders for Crown Royal and the Master Blenders for Johnnie Walker.

Originally from the heart of American whiskey and Bourbon country, Stephen has called New York City home for the past twenty-one years. In his non-whisky life, Stephen is an avid distance runner who competes regularly, always pushing himself towards a new personal best.

EVENT:

***Celebrating the Gift of Crown Royal***

March 1 to March 25

