

Geelong's master baristas espresso their art

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GEELONG'S top-gun coffee makers will fight it out at the Golden Plate Awards 2008 barista competition.

The two-stage competition will be judged by world-class experts in front of a live audience later this year.

But Golden Plate organisers are calling on those who think their froth is first rate to sharpen-up their skills with classes at award sponsor Espresso Coffee Solutions in the next couple of months.

Doyen of caffeine designs, Kurt Ivernee, took the opportunity yesterday to show how it is done.

Classes include explanations of the mechanics of the coffee machine, creating the ideal espresso, latte art presentation and barista competition tips.

Classes are on Tuesday evenings between 6pm and 8.30pm. Phone 5278 9922 for further details.



ARTISTRY: Master barista Kurt Ivernee tastes some of his best work. Photos: MIKE DUGDALE