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***New Name – Same Great Competition!
Chef Moraiko Takes Home the Gold
at the rebranded Celebration of Canadian Excellence
“Canada’s Great Kitchen Party” - Edmonton!***

Culinary Winners:

Gold: Davina Moraiko, RGE, RD

Silver: Serge Belair, Shaw Conference Centre

Bronze: Scott Downey, The Butternut Tree

Edmonton, AB (October 17, 2018) – Chef Davina Moraiko from RGE RD proved her culinary prowess tonight taking home the gold medal at Canada’s Great Kitchen Party - Edmonton. Chef Moraiko went head-to-head with 10 of Edmonton’s finest culinary masters at the prestigious culinary competition and will go on to compete at the Canadian Culinary Championships, the national finale, in Kelowna on February 1st and 2nd, 2019.

Chef Moraiko wowed the judges with a Pork Blood sausage with barley & lardo fermented cabbage. Apple. Kale. Pork crackling. ‘No boats on Sunday’ cider hollandaise. She paired it with a Red Rooster Riesling, 2016, Naramata Bench, BC. And her words after the win: “I am so proud of my team and everything we did today! I didn’t expect this!”

Chef Serge Belair from Shaw Conference Centre rose to the occasion as well, taking the silver medal. Chef Belair chose a 28 day dry aged maple pork loin with tourtiere fritter. Boudin custard. Chicharron. Apple celeriac roulade. He paired it with a Strathcona spirits barrel aged gin and apple cider, Edmonton, AB.

Taking the bronze medal was Chef Scott Downey from The Butternut Tree. His dish was a Pacific ocean sablefish. Sea truffle. Wild Mushroom. Potato. Sea Plants. It was paired with a Savard 2015 pinot gris reserve, Summerland, BC.

The other chefs competing in Edmonton were:

Chef Jesse Morrison-Gauthier	The Common
Chef Jordan McEwen	Century Hospitality Group/Lux Steakhouse + Bar 94
Chef JP Dublado	Seorak Teppan & Bar Restaurant
Chef Levi Biddlecombe	Why Not Café & Bar
Chef Lindsay Porter	London Local
Chef Medi Tabtoub	Buco Windemere
Chef Vikram Redgaonkar	Highlands Golf Club

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Judging the 2018 competition were: James Chatto (national Culinary Advisor), Mary Bailey (Senior Judge), Brad Smoliak, Chef Chris Wood, Liane Faulder, Twyla Campbell, Clayton Folkers and Chef Shane Chartrand (2017 Gold Medalist). Each dish was judged out of 100 points, based on visual presentation (20%), texture (10%), technical achievement (10%), taste (40%), wine compatibility (10%), and wow factor (10%).

Over 22 elite Canadian athletes were in attendance, including:

- Ashleigh McIvor – Freestyle Skiing
- Benoit Huot - Para swimming
- Catriona Le May Doan - Speed Skating
- Cindy Klassen - Speed Skating
- Curt Harnett - Cycling
- Jelena Mrdjenovic – Pro Boxer
- Lori-Ann Muenzer - Cycling
- Sergeant Lorne Ford - Indoor Rowing from the Invictus 2017 Games
- Rob Brown – Hockey
- Shannon Rempel - Speed Skating
- Simon Whitfield - Triathlon

Dave Majeski, co-chair of the event was thrilled with the evening, especially the show put on by the Canadian musicians who were in attendance. “We are very lucky in Canada to have amazing musical talent in our country and tonight to have Jim Cuddy, Alan Doyle, Barney Bentall, Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley well with that line up and with Alan Doyle doing double duty as emcee - what an amazing show we all got to enjoy!”

Bill Butler, another co-chair, emphasized how pleased he was to see the national impact through B2ten for Canadian athletes and the local impact through MusiCounts and Community Food Centres Canada. “It is great to be able to see that some of the support tonight helps our athletes on the international stage and through MusiCounts at École Michaëlle-Jean school and through Community Food Centres Canada Food4Good Community Food Centre. The youth in our region deserve to have music in their lives and have secure healthy food access”

Canada's Great Kitchen Party: is a social enterprise that is dedicated to building community regionally and nationally to celebrate Canadian Excellence in food, sport and music. Annually, 10-12 events are staged each fall and Canadian talent in each of these pillars of Canadian culture are celebrated. For the food pillar: each event incorporates a prestigious culinary competition for 6-10 of the city's best chefs in what is the regional qualifier for the Canadian

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Culinary Championships (CCC). The Canadian Culinary Championships is a two-day annual intense competition held in February in Kelowna every year, with three demanding culinary elements: Mystery Wine, Black Box and the Finale. To win gold regionally is a feather in the cap for any chef. To become the Canadian Culinary Champion is a career-changer. The celebration of Canadian wine, beer and spirits is also an integral part of the success of Canada's Great Kitchen Party. The wine, beer and spirits that are presented to the more than 5000 guests is very comprehensive. Canada's Great Kitchen Party is now the largest program in Canada to feature and highlight excellent Canadian wines. For the sport pillar, over 200 athletes are invited to the fall events. The athletes have represented Canada on the international stage either in amateur, para or pro sports. At the events, their athletic accomplishments are celebrated and their stories are heard. Guests have the opportunity to mix and mingle with the athletes and show their appreciation for what they do for Canadian pride! And for the final pillar: music, each event incorporates an incredible line up of Canadian musicians who share the stage with the athletes and the chefs and put on an incredible show. Musicians in 2018 include Jim Cuddy, Ed Robertson, Barney Bentall, Alan Doyle, Tom Cochrane, Anne Lindsay, Johnny Reid, Danny Michel, Bill Henderson, Neil Osborne, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley. Canadian talent in food, music and sport – all under one umbrella – and why it is called Canada's Great Kitchen Party....all with a purpose of providing young Canadian the opportunity to be extraordinary through sport music and food. The three chosen beneficiaries are sport: B2ten, music: MusiCounts and food: Community Food Centres Canada.

B2ten: B2ten exists to have significant impact on sport in Canada B2ten contributes to amateur sport and the greater good of society by providing optimal training and preparation services to elite amateur athletes; investing in the development of Canada's coaches and professional service providers; and developing a legacy of enhanced sport, play and well-being. B2ten.com. (make this a link)

"I am thrilled that Canada's Great Kitchen Party and B2ten are joining forces. Their shared passion, relentless pursuit of excellence, and commitment to making a difference make it an inspiring collaboration! Scott and I have had tremendous experiences at the culinary competitions and on international trips. We look forward to being involved with Canada's Great Kitchen Party knowing that they are helping B2ten offer the same critical support we received to more athletes." Tessa Virtue

MusiCounts: Canada's Great Kitchen Party will provide musical instruments for children in 20 schools every year. musiccounts.ca. (make this a link)

MusiCounts is keeping music alive in schools and communities across Canada by putting musical instruments into the hands of children that need them most. MusiCounts is Canada's music education charity, affiliated with the JUNO Awards and supported by

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many of Canada's top musicians. The instruments they supply last over 15 years and well over 800,000 children have known the joy of music as a result of their programs.

"It has been an absolute privilege to raise funds for Canada's athletes over the last 12 years. I am thrilled to continue to support athletes through the new initiative and also thrilled that our efforts will now result in financial support going to MusiCounts - an organization near and dear to my heart." Jim Cuddy

Community Food Centres Canada; Canada's Great Kitchen Party supports Canadian children to gain the skills and confidence they need to become the next generation of food leaders through unforgettable mentorship sessions with our talented chefs.

Community Food Centres Canada works with partners across the country to offer high-impact programs that bring people together to grow, cook, share, and advocate for good food for all. cfcccanada.com. (make this a link)

"As a two-time Canadian Culinary Champion, I am impressed with the organization's transition to Canada's Great Kitchen Party. I am so pleased that there will be a contribution to the food pillar, in addition to sport and music. Canadian youth will be transformed through the support provided by CFCC's food programs. As a Chef, this resonates very closely with me and I believe, with our entire Canadian Chefs' community. Well done!" Chef Marc Lepine, Atelier

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