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TORONTO'S GREAT KITCHEN PARTY TO FEATURE MUSICAL ICONS JIM CUDDY, ED ROBERTSON, BARNEY BENTALL AND TOM COCHRANE AS WELL AS GEORGE STROUMBOULOPOULOS AS EMCEE!

In addition, Tessa Virtue and Scot Moir will be the ambassadors of this event, which celebrates Canadian Excellence and provides young Canadians the opportunity to be extraordinary through sport, music and food!

TORONTO – Canada's Great Kitchen Party is proud to announce an incredible line up of entertainers: Jim Cuddy, Ed Robertson, Barney Bentall, Tom Cochrane, Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley. George Stroumboulopoulos, host of CBC's "George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight" will also be on hand as the event's Emcee.

"We are thrilled that all of these musicians are joining us this year at Canada's Great Kitchen Party – Toronto edition." said Toronto's Co-Chair Scot Martin, "With George as the emcee and Scott and Tessa as the ambassadors, this will be a memorable evening. The best parties often happen in the kitchen...and I can promise you, there will be many unforgettable moments!"

Ten chefs will be competing at the event, which is being held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Monday, October 29th. Each of the chefs' dishes will be judged by an esteemed group of judges, with each chef hoping to be awarded the gold medal, just as Chef Lorenzo from George did last year. The winner at this year's event will go onto the Canadian Culinary Championships held in February, 2019 in Kelowna.

The Chefs selected to compete at Toronto's Great Kitchen Party 2018 are:

Ryan	Crawford	Backhouse
Jeff	Kang	Canis
Keith	Pears	Delta Toronto
Gian Nicola	Colucci	Four Seasons Toronto
Elia	Herrera	Los Colibris
Jesse	Vallins	Maple Leaf Tavern PORT
Amira	Becarevic	Mira Mira
Jason	Oszoli	Oliver & Bonacini
Rob	Toppan	The Fifth Grill & Terrace
Albert	Ponzo	The Royal Hotel - Events & Provisions

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“The celebration of Canadian Excellence has always been at the core of our what we do” said co-founder, Karen Blair. “The Toronto event is one of ten across the country. Expect a sizzling and intense culinary competition by the best chefs in the city. The music will be outstanding for the 650+ guests! And there will be a great cross section of over 30 amazing Canadian elite athletes from amateur, para and pro-sport!”

In Toronto, athletes include: Curt Harnett (cycling), Derek Druoin (athletics), Erica Wiebe (wrestling), Bill Bridges (sledge hockey), Marnie McBean (rowing), Diana Mathson (football), Melissa Humana Paredes (beach volleyball) and Dom Gauthier (freestyle and COO of B2ten).

In addition to the culinary competition, the musical entertainment and mingling with the athletes, guests will have the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind trips within Canada and outside of Canada to places like Newfoundland, Napa, Morocco, Vietnam, Big White/Kelowna and Mallorca.

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