

**REGIONAL QUALIFIER FOR THE CANADIAN
CULINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Providing young Canadians the opportunity to be extraordinary through sport, music and food.



**Media Advisory / Photo Opportunity
Countdown to Toronto's Great Kitchen Party!**

*Tessa Virtue, Scott Moir, Dom Gauthier, Marnie McBean, Erica Wiebe, Derek Drouin
among the many elite athletes in attendance*

- Who:** Canada's Great Kitchen Party - Toronto
- What:** Regional Qualifier for the Canadian Culinary Championship
- When:** Monday, October 29, 2018
5:00 – 10:30 p.m.
- Where:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre – South Building – Halls F & G
222 Bremner Blvd.

Timeline of Events

- 5:15 p.m. VIP Reception – Hall F
Featuring 2017 GMP Winner, Chef Lorenzo Loseto, George Restaurant
- 5:30 p.m. Culinary Competition – Floor opens for VIP Guests
- 6:00 p.m. General Access to Culinary Competition – Hall F
- 7:50 p.m. Celebration – Hall G
Featuring dessert speeches, athletes, live entertainment, live auction and the crowning of Gold, Silver and Bronze chefs, and the always popular Live Auction Adventure Trips with Canadian athletes and musicians.

Media are invited for pre-event photos and interview, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Vince J. Ciarlo at 416-458-5090 or vciarlo@ciarlo.ca.

Canada's Great Kitchen Party presents its annual Toronto Regional Qualifier for the Canadian Culinary Championships, hosted by George Stroumboulopoulos and featuring a line-up of acclaimed Canadian chefs, elite athletes and musicians, celebrating pillars of Canadian culture – sport, music and food.

Guests will enjoy a variety of delicious dishes from 10 competing chefs, mingle and meet a number of elite athletes from amateur, para and pro sports and be entertained by some of Canada's top musicians. In addition, 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.

This year's line-up of competing chefs includes: 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, and Albert Ponzio, The Royal Hotel – Events & Provisions.

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Our Judging Panel for the Culinary Championships is led by James Chatto and includes guest judge Geddy Lee, as well as Sasha Chapman, Amy Rosen, Chef John Higgins, Christine Cushing, Lucy Waverman and 2017 Gold Medal Winner Chef Lorenzo Loseto.

Elite athletes attending this year's event and sharing their stories of triumph include: Jennifer Botterill, Hockey; Billy Bridges, Sledge Hockey; Anastasia Bucis, Speed Skating; Karen Cockburn, Trampoline; Duenas Crispen, Archery; Claire Carver Dias, Synchronized Swimming; Deirdre Dionne, President of Athletes Commission; Derek Drouin, Athletics; Dom Gauthier, Freestyle & CEO B2ten; Rob Gibson, Rowing; Curt Harnett, Track Cycling; Jayna Hefford, Hockey; Melissa Humana-Paredes, Beach Volleyball; Sekou Kaba, Athletics; Erin Latimer, Para Alpine Skiing; Tyron Lincoln, Invictus Athlete – Wheelchair Rugby/Track and Field; Lanni Marchant, Athletics; Diana Matheson, Soccer; Marnie McBean, Rowing; Tyler McGregor, Sledge Hockey; Heather Moyse, Bobsleigh/Rugby; Mercedes Nicol, Snowboard; Scott Moir, Figure Skating; Mark Oldershaw, Canoe/Kayak; Sarah Pavan, Beach Volleyball; Anna May Pierse, Swimming; Adam Purdy, Para-Swimming; Georgia Simmerling, Cycling and Freestyle; Laura Stacey, Hockey; Brian Stemmié, Alpine Skiing; Mathiew Turgeon, Trampoline; Adam Van Koeverden, Canoe/Kayak; Tara Van Beilen, Swimming; Patrick Vellner, Second Fittest Man in Canada – CrossFit (fifth in the world); Tessa Virtue, Figure Skating, Sarah Wells, Athletics; and Erica Wiebe, Wrestling.

Entertaining our guests during the evening are: Jim Cuddy, Ed Robertson, Dustin Bentall, Kendel Carson, Tom Cochrane, Sam Polley, Devin Cuddy and Annie Lindsay.

Proceeds from this event will benefit B2ten (www.b2ten.com), MusiCounts (www.musiccounts.ca) and Canadian Food Centres Canada – CFCC (www.cfccanada.ca). Representing the beneficiaries at the event are: Dom Gauthier, Co-Founder, B2ten; Kristy Fletcher, Executive Director, MusiCounts, and Nick Saul, Executive Director, CFCC.

ABOUT CANADA'S GREAT KITCHEN PARTY

Canada's Great Kitchen Party (CGKP) is a social enterprise dedicated to building a thriving Canada by celebrating excellence in Canadian communities and providing young Canadians the opportunity to be extraordinary through sport, music and food. We proudly contribute to the following three beneficiaries: B2ten, MusiCounts, and Community Food Centres of Canada.

For more information, visit greatkitchenparty.com

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