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

***Culinary Winners:***

*Gold: Dave Bohati, Murrieta’s*

*Silver: Matthew Batey, Teatro Group*

*Bronze: Roy Oh, Anju*

**Calgary, AB (November 1, 2018)** – Chef Dave Bohati of Murrieta’s proved his culinary prowess tonight taking home the gold medal at Canada’s Great Kitchen Party - Calgary. Chef Bohati went head-to-head with nine of Calgary’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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

Chef Bohati wowed the judges with his Smoked Brant Lake AB Wagyu Beef Cheeks with kabocha squash, Jerusalem artichoke, marrow and Saskatoon berry. He paired it with a Tantalus 2016 Pinot Noir from Kelowna, BC. And his words after the win:

“I feel amazing. Words can’t describe how badly I wanted to win this time and it worked. I can’t wait to go back to Kelowna and do my thing.”

Chef Matthew Batey from Teatro Group rose to the occasion as well, taking the silver medal. Chef Batey chose “Two Oceans, One Prairie & a Valley” with rolled Fabian’s lobster and vanilla braised heritage pork cheek, Okanagan apple, Taber corn and Vancouver Island salt. He paired it with a 2014, CheckMate ‘Queen Taken’ Chardonnay from Golden Mile Bench DVA, Okanagan Valley, BC.

Taking the bronze medal was Chef Roy Oh from Anju. His dish was a Korean Beef Wellington of sous-vide short rib with foie gras and king oyster mushroom duxelle, puff pastry, truffle pommes aligot, double-smoked bacon, daikon kimchi and carrot puree. It was paired with an Upper Bench, 2017 Chardonnay from Naramata Bench, BC.

The other chefs competing in Calgary were:

**Chef Alison MacNeil**  
**Chef Benjamin Mills**  
**Chef JP Pedhirney**  
**Chef Kayle Burns**  
**Chef Marc Bourgeois**  
**Chef Rupert Garcia**

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Judging the 2018 competition were: James Chatto (national Culinary Advisor), John Gilchrist (Senior Judge), Michael Allemeier, Kathy Richardier, Chef Ryan O'Flynn (2015 Canadian Culinary Champion), Chef Jinhee Lee (2016 Canadian Culinary Champion) and Chef Blake Flann (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 28 elite Canadian athletes were in attendance, including:

- Allison Beveridge – Cycling
- Brady Leman – Ski Cross
- Chandra Crawford - Cross Country Skiing
- Cindy Klassen – Speed skating
- Colin Patterson – Pro Hockey Player
- Curt Harnett - Cycling
- Erica Wiebe - Wrestling
- Georgia Simmerling - Ski Cross and Cycling
- Helen Upperton - Bobsleigh
- Jesse Lumsden - Bobsleigh
- Kyle Shewfelt – Gymnastics
- Mark Arendz - Para-cross country
- Melissa Hollingsworth - Skeleton
- Michelle Salt – Para Snowboard
- Sarah Hueniken - Pro Climbing
- Simon Whitfield - Triathlon
- Susan O'Connor - Curling
- Will Gadd - Pro -Climbing

“It was such a fun event, as always,” says Erica Wiebe. “The new format really elevates the music element, the sport element, the food and of course, the fun. I can’t wait till next year!”

Chris Lee, 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, Barney Bentall, Bill Henderson from Chilliwack, Danny Michel, Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley well with that line up and with George Stroumboulopoulos as our emcee - what an amazing show we all got to enjoy!”

Tim Gillespie, 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 St. Alphonsus School and through

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Community Food Centres Canada at The Alex Community Fodd Centre for the Kitchen Mentor program. The youth in our region deserve to have music in their lives and have secure healthy food access”

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**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 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](http://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*

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*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](http://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 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](http://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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