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Introducing The Chefs at the 2023 Canadian Culinary Championship!

Nine Chefs Qualified Through Kitchen Party Regional Events

Canada's Great Kitchen Party Ottawa is proud to announce the participating Chefs for the 2023 Canadian Culinary Championship, which will be held in Ottawa February 3-4, 2023.

Regional competitions were held in 9 competing cities in the Fall of 2022, from St. John's, NL to Vancouver, BC, with each gold medal winning chef qualifying for the Canadian Culinary Championship which will be comprised of 3 events: Mystery Wine Competition, Black Box and Grand Finale. Joining the group as VIP Chef will be Roger Ma of Vancouver's Boulevard Kitchen and Oyster Bar, winner of the 2020 Canadian Culinary Championship.

The nine regional Chefs who have qualified are:

Region	Chef	Restaurant	Wine Pairing
Vancouver	Bobby Milheron	Homer St. Cafe and Bar, Tableau Bar Bistro, Maxine's Cafe & Bar	Mission Hill Okanagan Valley, B.C.
Edmonton	Serge Belair	Edmonton Convention Centre	Henry of Pelham Niagara, ON
Calgary	Scott Redekopp	Yellow Door Bistro	Dirty Laundry Okanagan, BC
Saskatoon	Steve Squier	Picaro & Cohen`s Beer Republic	Benjamin Bridge, NS
Winnipeg	Edward Lam	Yujiro Japanese Restaurant	Nichol Vineyard and Estate, Naramata, BC
Ottawa	Briana Kim	Alice	Pearl Morissette Niagara, ON
Toronto	Sebastian Perez	Isabelle Restaurant & Lounge at The Pearle Hotel & Spa	Le Clos Jordanne Niagara, ON
Montreal	Imad-Eddine Makraji	Bab Kech	Haywire Winery Okanagan Valley, BC
St. John's	David Vatcher	Best Coast Restaurant (Cornebrook)	Benjamin Bridge, NS
VIP Chef	Roger Ma	Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar	

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The two-day competition will start with the “Mystery Wine Competition” on Friday where chefs will be tasked with creating a dish that they feel perfectly pairs with the unlabelled wine they will have received less than 24 hours before. The second competition will be the “Black Box Competition” held at Algonquin College Saturday morning. The “Grand Finale” event on Saturday night at the Shaw Centre will be the hottest ticket in town and usually sells out weeks ahead of the event. 650 guests will be on hand not only to sample the chefs’ dishes but also to mingle with high performance athletes and enjoy the music of some of Canada’s most iconic musicians. The evening will be capped with the crowning of the 2023 Canadian Culinary Champion.

“Ottawa was an exceptional host of our last Canadian Culinary Championship”, said Stephen Leckie, CEO of Canada’s Great Kitchen Party. With three Canadian Culinary Championship titles coming from the Ottawa-Gatineau Region (Marc Lépine (2-time winner) and Yannick LaSalle) the city’s culinary scene is not only alive and well, it is exciting! We look forward to bringing the Canadian Championship to our nation’s capital once again next February as we celebrate the best of Canadian excellence in the culinary arts, sport and music.”

To date, Canada’s Great Kitchen Party has raised over 17 million dollars in support of sport programs, music education in schools and food programs.

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ABOUT CANADA’S GREAT KITCHEN PARTY

Canada’s Great Kitchen Party is a social enterprise dedicated to "Building a Better Canada" through the elevation and celebration of Canadian excellence through food, sport and music. Staged in nine cities across the country, each event is a regional culinary competition which qualifies the winning chefs to move on to compete at the Canadian Culinary Championship on February 3 and 4 in Ottawa. Chefs, athletes, musicians and business leaders all come together for a spectacular experience and to provide young Canadians the opportunity to be extraordinary through sport, music and food. We proudly contribute to the following beneficiaries: Spirit North, MusiCounts and a local food charity. As the largest exposition of Canadian wines, over 200 wineries and local breweries and spirit companies are profiled at our events. For more information, visit greatkitchenparty.com