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**Canada's Great Kitchen Regional Qualifier
Scott Redekopp of Yellow Door Bistro is Crowned Calgary Champion!**

Scott Redekopp Qualified for the Canadian Culinary Championship

Canada's Great Kitchen Party Calgary is proud to announce the gold medalist of the Calgary regional culinary competition held today at the Telus Convention Centre.

The Great Kitchen Party in Calgary was third to be held among the 8 competing cities, from St. John's, NL, to Vancouver, BC. All regional competitions end in late November 2022, with each region's gold medal-winning chef qualifying for the Canadian Culinary Championship in Ottawa, February 3-4, 2023.

The eight chefs who competed in Calgary's 2022 Kitchen Party regional competition were: **Tracy Little, Sauvage (Canmore); Judy Wood, Flavour YYC Catering; Lam Pham, Pure Modern Asian Cuisine; Jason Barton Browne, Deane House; Sterling Cummings, Bridgette Bar; David Leeder, Teatro; Roy Oh, Roy's Korean Kitchen; Scott Redekopp, Yellow Door Bistro**

Deliberating over each chef's dish were a group of seven judges, led by national Kitchen Party Head Judge James Chatto and 2019 KP Gold Medalist Jenny Kang. Following the tasting of each dish and accompanying beverage, presented and described by each competing chef, Scott Redekopp was chosen as the gold medalist for his House Made Ham Wrapped Rabbit Saddle with Mushroom & Rabbit Croquette, Smoked Sunchoke & Potato Pave, Hazelnut Carrot Puree and Pickled Saskatoon Berries. His dish was paired with Dirty Laundry 2020 Hush Red, Okanagan Falls, BC.

Finishing in 2nd spot was Jason Barton Browne of Deane House Blasted Church 2018 Syrah, Okanagan Falls, BC, and in 3rd position, Sterling Cummings of Bridgette Bar paired with Charles Baker 2019 Picone Riesling, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON.

"Each Chef went out of their way to create eight exciting and unique dishes that made us all appreciate the complexity of flavours," said National Head Judge James Chatto, "Their dishes were well presented with expertly paired beverages. It was a tough decision, but in the end, Scott's dish 'out tasted' the others by scoring high in taste and presentation."

Chef Lam Pham of Pure Modern Asian Cuisine paired with Crowsnest 2020 Stahltank Chardonnay, Similkameen Valley, BC took home the People's Choice Award – voted on by all guests in attendance

Scott Redekopp will now go on to represent Calgary at the Canadian Culinary Championship being held in Ottawa on February 3-4th, where he will compete against representatives from 8 other Canadian cities. "It feels fantastic," he said, "we worked for many months on our dish and we were proud to present it to both the guests and the judges. We are very excited to be going to Ottawa and ready to take on the competition!"

"With events not taking place in the last two years due to the pandemic," said Calgary Co-Chair and presenting partner MNP representative Phil Reisinger, "returning to an in-person event was the perfect recipe for Canada's Great Kitchen Party. We were thrilled to bring back our culinary competition to

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Calgary. The quality and originality of the dishes we tasted continue to be outstanding; we are privileged to have such excellent culinary offerings. We wish Scott all the best as he prepares to represent Calgary in Ottawa.”

In addition to tonight’s culinary competition, funds were raised for two national beneficiaries and one local charity: **Spirit North** – empowering indigenous youth through sport and play. **MusiCounts** - which provides musical instruments to schools and **Brown Bagging for Kids Calgary**. Karen Blair, COO of Canada’s Great Kitchen Party, was thrilled to participate in the sold-out event and said: “What a great event and a continuation of Calgary’s reputation as a serious culinary community. We are also proud that Canada’s Great Kitchen Party has raised over 17 million dollars as we continue to provide Canadian youth with the opportunity to be extraordinary in sport, music and food.”

The Canadian Culinary Championship (CCC) will host the gold medallist chefs from 9 cities in the nation’s capital next February 3-4, 2023. Scott Redekopp will now Join Briana Kim of Alice Restaurant from Ottawa, Sebastian Perez of Isabelle Restaurant & Lounge at The Pearle Hotel & Spa from Toronto and Serge Belair of Edmonton Convention Centre in Edmonton. Next up KP St. John’s on November 10. For information on the CCC: Lisa Pasin at 780-448-5945 or lpasin@greatkitchenparty.com

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Canada’s Great Kitchen Party is a social enterprise dedicated to "Building a Better Canada" by elevating and celebrating 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 with 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 most extensive exposition of Canadian wines, over 200 wineries and local breweries and spirit companies are profiled at our events. For more information, visit greatkitchenparty.com