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**Canada's Great Kitchen Regional Qualifier  
Serge Belair of the Edmonton Convention Centre is Crowned Edmonton Champion!**

***Serge Belair Qualified for the Canadian Culinary Championship***

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

Canada's Great Kitchen Party in Edmonton was third to be held among the nine 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 Edmonton's 2022 Kitchen Party regional competition were: **Medi Tabtoub, vivo ristorante, Serge Belair, Edmonton Convention Centre; Levi Biddlecombe, Backstairs Burger; Elisa Zenari, Dalla Tavola Zenari; Holly Holt, SheCooks; Lindsay Porter, The Common; Doreen Prei, Glasshouse Kitchen | Bar; Myles Fedun, Meuwly's.**

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 JP Dublado. Following the tasting of each dish and accompanying beverage, presented and described by each competing chef, Serge Belair was chosen as the gold medalist for his dish which was a Valrhona Bahibe Warm Chocolate Cake, white wine Sabayon, Chef's Garden sous vide Pear served with Gorgonzola roasted pear ice cream, touch of Maldon salt and Citrus Pear macaron. His dish was paired with Henry of Pelham 2019 Select Late Harvest Vidal VQA, Niagara, ON.

Finishing in 2nd spot was Lindsay Porter of The Common who paired with 40 Knots 2019 L'Orange, Comox, BC and in 3rd position, Holly Holt of SheCooks who created a gin and tonic cocktail with Hawke Prohibition Sir Periwinkle Gin.

"The best evening yet in Edmonton", said National Head Judge James Chatto. "It was extraordinary - it goes to show what a first class gastronomic city Edmonton has become. We had four women chefs which is very exciting. We had some dishes unlike anything I've tasted in my life. We had a winner who cooked dessert - how crazy is that? This was just the most extraordinary evening, I'm so pleased with the way this city is performing in a culinary way. It was such a pleasure to be here and experience this."

Chef Doreen Prei of Glasshouse Kitchen | Bar took home the People's Choice Award – voted on by all guests in attendance

Chef Serge Belair will now go on to represent Edmonton 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 great," he said, "and we were excited to present our dish tonight. We hoped the guests would appreciate it as much as the judges, and we couldn't be happier."

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“With events not taking place in the last two years due to the pandemic,” said Edmonton Co-Chair and presenting partner MNP representative Dustin Sundby, “returning to an in-person event was the perfect recipe for Canada’s Great Kitchen Party. We were thrilled to bring back this culinary competition to Edmonton. The quality and originality of the dishes we tasted continue to be outstanding; we are privileged to have such excellent culinary offerings. We wish Serge Belair all the best as he prepares to represent Edmonton 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 E4C Alberta for their School Lunch Program. Lisa Pasin, Senior VP of Canada’s Great Kitchen Party and manager of the Edmonton event, was thrilled to see a sold-out event and said: “So exciting to see how Edmontonians and businesses came out to support the event once again – it is a highlight in the social calendar. This event showcases Edmonton 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 medalist chefs from 9 cities in the nation’s capital next February 3 - 4, 2023. Serge Belair will now Join Briana Kim of Alice Restaurant from Ottawa-Gatineau and Sebastian Perez of Isabelle Restaurant, Pearle Hotel from Toronto. Next up KP Calgary on November 3. For information on the CCC: Lisa Pasin at 780-448-5945 or [lpasin@greatkitchenparty.com](mailto:lpasin@greatkitchenparty.com)

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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" 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](http://greatkitchenparty.com)