



**CHEF ANTHONY WALSH OF CANOE NAMED TORONTO'S BEST CHEF AT GOLD AT THE GOLD MEDAL PLATE CULINARY CHALLENGE IN SUPPORT OF OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC ATHLETES**

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In front of a spirited and well fed crowd of more than 600, Anthony Walsh of Canoe, was awarded gold at the recent Gold Medal Plate event held in Toronto. Lorenzo Loseto of George took home silver, and Claudio Aprile of Colborne Lane won the bronze as 26 Olympic and Paralympic athletes cheered on the podium winners.

Walsh was up against Toronto's toughest competition including: Lino Collevocchio, Via Allegro Ristorante; Jamie Kennedy of his self-named restaurant; Robert Bartley, Four Seasons Hotel; Susur Lee, Susur; Chris McDonald, Cava and Michael Stadtlander of Eigensinn Farm.

Chef Walsh's dish centred his creation around a slice of superbly tender Nunavut caribou hind. Also on the plate was a tiny tortiere made from the caribou neck, a sweet-salty purée of Cookstown sunchokes, some amazingly flavourful Ford Hook mustard greens and a single walnut prepared with a hint of dark chocolate. Once again, Jackson Triggs Delaine Vineyard was associated with a medal, this time the Cabernet-Merlot 2005.

As the city's gold medal-winner, Chef Walsh will represent Toronto at the Canadian Culinary Championships held next February over an intense three-day national competition that brings together the winning chefs from each of the participating seven cities.

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The event raised more than \$200,000 in support of Canadian Olympic and Paralympic athletes. Nationally, Gold Medal Plates has raised more than \$1.5 million in the past three years and has elevated the profile of Canadian cuisine and wine. The 2007 goal is to raise \$1 million over the six week project in the following seven cities:

Toronto, ON	Thursday, October 18	The Carlu
Halifax, NS	Tuesday October 23	Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre
Bonsecours	Montreal, QC	Tuesday November 13
Vancouver, BC	Wednesday November 14	Westin Bayshore
Calgary, AB	Thursday November 15	Hyatt Regency Calgary
Edmonton, AB	Tuesday November 20	Shaw Conference Centre
Ottawa, ON	Thursday November 22	Hilton Lac-Leamy

Photos from Toronto's event are available at <http://www.goldmedalplates.com/photos/toronto>. For a listing of competing chefs in each city visit [goldmedalplates.com](http://goldmedalplates.com).