



# MEDIA ADVISORY

## **GOLD MEDAL PLATES FIRES UP COMPETITION IN THE QUEST TO FIND SASKATCHEWANS BEST CHEF**

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Ten of Saskatchewan's most celebrated chefs will battle it out to see who will be named the province's best chef during the Gold Medal Plates competition held in Saskatoon on Saturday, October 30, 2010. Celebrating Canadian excellence in food, wine, sport and the art, the net proceeds from Gold Medal Plates (\$4.1 million to date) are given to the Canadian Olympic Foundation which supports Olympic and Paralympic athletes and high performance programs such as Own the Podium.

Olympic and Paralympic athletes assist each competing chef, together creating and serving their signature dish to the 500+ guests attending the event. A panel of culinary judges selects the gold, silver and bronze winners; the gold medal winning chef from Saskatchewan will go on to compete at the Canadian Culinary Championships held February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in Kelowna, BC.

### **Competing chefs are:**

MALCOLM CRAIG - Beer Bros. Bakery & Cuisine, Regina  
TIM DAVIES - Willow on Wascana, Regina  
RYAN MARQUIS - Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon  
LEO PANTEL - Conexus Arts Centre, Regina  
PETER PHILLIPS - Riverside Country Club, Saskatoon

KEVIN DAHLSJO - Sublime Catering, Prince Albert  
LEE HELMAN - Truffles Bistro, Saskatoon  
ANTHONY MCCARTHY - Saskatoon Club, Saskatoon  
RUSTY PENNO- Boffins Club, Saskatoon  
DAN WALKER - Weczeria Food & Wine, Saskatoon

**Date:** Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – the 3<sup>rd</sup> of eight events across the country!

**Location:** TCU Place, 35 22nd Street East, Saskatoon

**Timing:**

5:15 - 6:00 p.m.	VIP Reception – Interviews with chefs and athletes
6:00 - 7:45 p.m.	Culinary competition
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Dessert/coffee, featured speaker, auction
9:00 p.m.	Entertainment produced by Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo

"Saskatoon has a reputation of hosting many outstanding events and without a doubt The Gold Medal Plates dinner will be the best in Canada", says Zeba Ahmed, chair of the event. "It's an opportunity for our province to showcase some of its finest chefs and at the same time raise money for our Olympic and Paralympic athletes. We are honored to have this event in Saskatoon, the City that truly does shine."

Gold Medal Plates' regional competitions will begin in October with Edmonton kicking off cross-country events. Events will also be taking place in 2010 in the cities of Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary, St. John's, Vancouver and Toronto. Since its inception, Gold Medal Plates has donated more than \$4.1 million to support Canadian Olympic and Paralympic athletes and has elevated the profile of Canadian cuisine and wine. Outstanding team performance extends to the corporate partnerships of GE and EPCOR and title sponsors of Gold Medal Plates, companies that recognize the value of investing in Canadian excellence and achievement. For more information: [www.goldmedalplates.com](http://www.goldmedalplates.com)

### **ABOUT THE CANADIAN OLYMPIC FOUNDATION - THE BENEFICIARY OF THE EVENTS:**

The Canadian Olympic Foundation is a national charitable organization created by the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) supporting high performance athletes across all winter and summer sports. The Foundation's Mission is to generate support to meet the technical, scientific, medical and coaching needs of Canada's high performance sport system and assist Canada's athletes in becoming ambassadors for sport, healthy living and the pursuit of excellence across the nation. Net proceeds from Gold Medal Plates are given to the Canadian Olympic Foundation to support high performance programs such as Own the Podium. To learn more: please visit [www.olympicfoundation.ca](http://www.olympicfoundation.ca).