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## GOLD MEDAL PLATES HALIFAX ANNOUNCES COMPETING CHEFS FOR 2016!

**HALIFAX** – 2016 is an Olympic year and Halifax's Gold Medal Plates will be celebrating Canada's athlete's success at Rio, as well as continuing to highlight Canadian excellence in cuisine, wine, entertainment and athletic achievement.

Today, Gold Medal Plates Halifax officially announced the eight participating Chefs who will be preparing their culinary creations at the 2016 event, to be held at the Cunard Centre on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

"This is an excellent slate of top level Chefs," said Halifax GMP Co-Chair Phil Otto. "Our guests love the GMP formula, with inspiring athletes, fine dining and a spectacular selection of wines and beverages providing an experience not to be missed," added Co-Chair Mat Harris.

The top Chefs selected to compete at Halifax GMP 2016 are:

Ivan Chan, The Orient Chinese Cuisine
Luis Clavel, CUT Steakhouse
Peter Dewar, NSCC Kingstec
Mark Gray, Battery Park Bar & Eatery
Ardon Mofford, Govenors Pub & Eatery
Morné Van Antwerp, Primal Kitchen
Brad Wammes, Kitchen Door Catering
Shawn Zwarun, Kiju's





"Halifax has established a culture of excellence with its Gold Medal Plates event," said Karen Blair, Gold Medal Plates National Co-founder, "not only on the culinary side, but on the event execution as well and once you add into the mix our Olympians and entertainers, it is an event not to be missed."

Net proceeds from Gold Medal Plates are provided to the Canadian Olympic Foundation which supports Olympic athletes and high performance programs. Since its inception, Gold Medal Plates competitions across Canada have raised close to \$11 million for the Canadian Olympic Foundation.

In addition to the culinary competition, Gold Medal Plates Halifax will feature a spectacular wine auction of fine wines, such as getaways with Olympians and Canadian entertainers to locations like Tuscany, Portugal and new this year Iceland, Buenos Aires and Montevideo and Mallorca and Barcelona Spain.

To purchase tickets, or for sponsor opportunities for Gold Medal Plates Halifax, contact Jennifer Parkhill at Halifax@goldmedalplates.com, 902.425.0282 ext 1 or visit www.goldmedalplates.com.

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## **About Gold Medal Plates**

Gold Medal Plates is the ultimate celebration of Canadian excellence in cuisine, wine, entertainment and athletic achievement. Celebrating in 11 cities across Canada in 2016, Gold Medal Plates features superb Canadian wines, premier chefs and Canadian Olympic athletes, in a competition to crown a gold, silver and bronze medal culinary team in each city, and subsequently nation-wide. Since 2004, this event has received tremendous support and accolades all across Canada and generated a combined net total of close to \$11 million for Canada's Olympic athletes. For more information, visit the Gold Medal Plates website <a href="https://www.goldmedalplates.com">www.goldmedalplates.com</a>.

About 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 about the Foundation and the programs it funds, please visit www.olympicfoundation.ca.

