

## Release

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

Three previous Saskatoon medallists included in this year's line-up

**SASKATOON** – 2016 is an Olympic year and Saskatoon's Gold Medal Plates will be celebrating Canada's athletes who have come home from Rio, as well as continuing to highlight Canadian excellence in cuisine, wine, the arts and athletic achievement.

Today, Gold Medal Plates Saskatoon announced the eight participating Chefs who will be preparing their culinary creations at the 2016 event, to be held at the TCU Place on Saturday, October 29th.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have another year with a Gold Medal Plates culinary competition that is filled with 'red seal, top shelf' talent," said Trent Norman, Co-Chair of GMP Saskatoon. "With many of the chefs having been involved in the past, and the calibre of the culinary experience vying to become the Gold Medal Chef, it's confirmation of how important this event has become. With our new venue and refreshed format, we could not be happier to confirm and welcome our Gold Medal Chefs to this year's competition. Let's get out and support our local talent, our community, and our Olympic athletes. We are excited to see everyone on October 29th for what promises to be a spectacular evening."





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

Christopher Hill Delta Bessborough
Scott Torgerson Radisson Hotel Saskatoon and Aroma Resto Bar
James Kyle Good Company Catering
Kelly Oliver Louis'
Anthony McCarthy The Saskatoon Club
Greg Doucette The Rook & Raven Pub
James McFarland Culinary Services, University of Saskatchewan
Jenni Schrenk Chef Jenni Cuisine

"You can look forward to the upcoming 2016 Gold Medal Plates competition on October 29th to be unlike any other foodie event in Saskatoon!" said Brad Darbyshire, Co-Chair of GMP Saskatoon. "With a new venue, inspiring entertainers, Saskatoon's best chefs, and amped up Olympic talent on hand, anyone attending will have a unique and inspiring experience. The support of Gold Medal Plates has helped Saskatchewan athletes take the step onto the world stage and represent our great country at the highest level of sporting competition. Gold Medal Plates is the number one way to contribute to our local and national athletes all while supporting and enjoying the culinary arts in our local region."

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 Saskatoon will feature spectacular auction items, such as getaways with Olympians and Canadian entertainers to locations like New Zealand, Tuscany, Newfoundland, Spain/Majorca, Chile/Argentina, as well as Portugal for the Canadian Gold Medal Plates finals.

To purchase tickets, or for sponsor opportunities for Gold Medal Plates Ottawa, contact Desarée Weeres at saskatoon@goldmedalplates.com, (306) 361-7431 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.

