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## ***GOLD MEDAL PLATES OTTAWA ANNOUNCES COMPETING CHEFS FOR 2017!***

*Five Chefs New to Gold Medal Plates!*

**OTTAWA** – Following the last two years' success at the Canadian Culinary Championships (Marc Lepine Gold in 2016, Joe Thottungal Silver in 2017), an exciting slate of Chefs is announced for the November 2017 Ottawa Gold Medal Plates Gala. Once again, this event will be highlighting Canadian excellence in cuisine, wine, the arts and athletic achievement.

These ten participating Chefs will be preparing their culinary creations at the 2017 event, to be held at the Shaw Centre on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Five are new to Gold Medal Plates and three are from the Gatineau region.

“Once again, this is an amazing slate of top level Chefs,” said Ottawa GMP Co-Chair Christopher Klotz, “and Ottawa has the distinction of having the only two-time national champion in our midst, as well as last year’s Canadian silver medallist. We look forward to supporting Canada’s Winter Olympians just months before the Olympic Games in PyeongChang, while at the same time enjoying fine dining and a spectacular selection of wines and beverages.”

The top Chefs selected to compete at Ottawa GMP 2017 are:

**Kevin Benes** Carben Food + Drink  
**Jeff Bradfield** Social  
**Marc Doiron** town  
**Walid El-Tawel** Fairouz



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**Steve Harris** two six {ate}  
**Jorden Holley** Riviera  
**Briana Kim** Café My House  
**Yannick LaSalle** Les Fougères  
**Jamie Stunt** Soif bar à vin  
**Kyle Mortimer-Proulx** La Maison Conroy

“Ottawa has set the bar high with the Gold and Silver medals from the last two years at the Canadian Culinary Championships,” said Karen Blair, Gold Medal Plates National Co-founder, “and there is definitely a culture of excellence in the city’s dining scene. The Shaw Centre is one of the most breathtaking facilities in Canada, 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 over \$12 million for the Canadian Olympic Foundation.

In addition to the culinary competition, Gold Medal Plates Ottawa will feature spectacular auction items, such as getaways with Olympians and Canadian entertainers to locations like Tuscany, Tokyo and Barcelona as well as Kelowna for the Canadian Gold Medal Plates finals.

To purchase tickets, or for sponsor opportunities for Gold Medal Plates Ottawa, contact Sue Holloway at [Ottawa@goldmedalplates.com](mailto:Ottawa@goldmedalplates.com), 613.286.3936 or visit [www.goldmedalplates.com](http://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, 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 over \$12 million for Canada's Olympic athletes. For more information, visit the Gold Medal Plates website [www.goldmedalplates.com](http://www.goldmedalplates.com).

**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](http://www.olympicfoundation.ca).

