



BARNEY BENTALL AND BARENAKED LADIES' ED ROBERTSON CONFIRMED AS FEATURED PERFORMERS AT THE 2012 CANADIAN CULINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – December 22, 2011 - The 2012 Canadian Culinary Championships are pleased to add another exciting element to this already thrilling event! Barenaked Ladies front man, Ed Robertson and Juno Award winning, Barney Bentall have been confirmed as the featured performers at the Grand Finale event on Saturday, February 11th. The Grand Finale is the pinnacle of the Culinary Championships and brings together the 9 top chefs in Canada to compete for the title of Best Chef in Canada for 2012.

Both Barney and Ed have performed across Canada at the regional Gold Medal Plates events and are not only big supporters of the event, but are passionate about the cause it supports.

“To bring this kind of calibre of entertainment to Kelowna for the Canadian Culinary Championships is a testament to the importance of the event and the impact it has on Canadian patriotism”, says co-chair Judy Burns. “With the addition of these two Canadian music icons to our host athletes, hometown sweetheart and World Champion Ski Cross Racer, Kelsey Serwa and Olympic Gold, Silver and Bronze medallist in Kayaking, Adam van Koeverden, the evening promises to be filled with lots of excitement!”, adds co-chair Don Shafer.

Canadian Culinary Championships Background - Gold Medal Plates' winning chefs from 9 Canadian cities, coast to coast will compete in the ultimate contest to crown Canada's #1 Chef in February, 2012. The Grand Finale of Gold Medal Plates (the Canadian Culinary Championships) is a national project celebrating Canadian excellence in food, wine, sport and the arts. Net proceeds from Gold Medal Plates (\$5 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'. Kelowna is now home to this prestigious Canadian competition for the next 4 years.

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

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