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JIM CUDDY, DANNY MICHEL AND ANNE LINDSAY TO HEADLINE GOLD MEDAL PLATES SASKATOON

2014 edition to be held at Saskatoon Prairieland Park on November 8th, 2014

SASKATOON – Saskatoon’s 5th Annual Gold Medal Plates (GMP) Dinner will feature ten of the Saskatoon region’s finest chefs competing in the 2014 edition of the Olympic fundraising event. 2013 silver medalist Michael Link of Western Concessions is back amongst the field of competitors who will be vying for a coveted spot in the culinary national championships, held February 6-7 in Kelowna, BC.

Last year’s gold medalist, Chef Trevor Robertson of the Radisson Hotel, will be returning as a judge for the competition. Robertson will be joined by a panel of local culinary experts including Amy Jo Ehman, Dee Hobsbawn-Smith, Noelle Chorney, Janis Hutton, Renee Kohlman and Head National Culinary expert James Chatto.

The ten participating Chefs at the Saskatoon 2014 Gold Medal Plates event are:

Darren Craddock – Riverside Country Club
Michael Link – Western Concessions/Brightwater
Kelly Oliver – Louis’ (University of Saskatchewan Student’s Union)
Rusty Penno – Dakota Dunes Casino
Simon Reynolds – Simon’s Fine Foods
Kevin Dahlsjo – Sublime Pantry
Doug Hyndford – Saskatoon Inn Hotel and Conference Centre
Matthew Sutherland - The Ivy Dining & Lounge
Tom Brownbridge – Holiday Inn
Chris Hill – Delta Bessborough

As has come to be expected from the event, an entertaining slate of musicians will once again highlight the evening. Gordon James Cuddy, lead singer of Blue Rodeo and Head National Entertainment Advisor for Gold Medal Plates will be joined by Juno Award- nominated singer and songwriter Danny Michel, as well as renowned fiddler Anne Lindsay.

“What gets me excited for an event like this is that we are building the support and opportunities our local athletes need to succeed on the global stage,” says GMP 2014 Chair Brad Darbyshire. “With ten local chefs, a group of passionate Olympians and the entertainment of Jim Cuddy, Anne Lindsay and Danny Michel, we’re showcasing the best of Saskatchewan and the best of Canada.”

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 2014, 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 \$8.2 million for Canada's Olympic athletes. www.goldmedalplates.com.

About Canadian Olympic Foundation – Beneficiary of the Event

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. www.olympicfoundation.ca.

Those wishing to purchase a table for the Saskatoon event on November 8th may do so by contacting Courtney Tait at 306-384-6044.

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