

# GOLD DES MEDAL CHEFS PLATES EN OR

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### ***A GREAT LINE UP OF CHEFS, MUSICIANS AND OLYMPIANS AT THE SOLD OUT GOLD MEDAL PLATES CALGARY EVENT!***

*Four previous Calgary medalists included in this year's line-up*

**CALGARY** – Calgary's sold out Gold Medal Plates event taking place on Wednesday, November 2 at the TELUS Convention Centre, will be celebrating Canada's success at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympic Games, as well as continuing to highlight Canadian excellence in cuisine, wine, entertainment and athletic achievement.

"I am continually amazed by our city and how Calgary has stepped up this year," says Chris Lee, Co-Chair of Calgary Gold Medal Plates, "given the economy we thought this would be a very tough year but not only did Calgarians step up we were the first city to sell out in Canada which we are especially proud of."

"With the CBC Sports and Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games prime time host, Scott Russell as the emcee, the 650 guests who have stepped up in support of Team Canada will be reliving moments from the Rio games," says Calgary GMP Co-Chair Tim Gillespie. There will be over 20 Olympians at Calgary's event. Hearing their stories of personal triumph, their deep pride in representing our country, is one of the many highlights of the evening."

"The other stars of the show are the ten participating chefs", notes Dave Harrison, also Co-Chair of the Calgary event, "they have been working for months preparing their culinary creations and finding the perfect beverage to match, all in the hopes of winning gold to go onto compete at the Canadian Culinary Championships in Kelowna in February and win the title of best chef in Canada and win a 2 year lease on a BMW."



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

**Kenny Kaechele** – WORKSHOP Kitchen + Culture (2015 Bronze)

**Jinhee Lee** – Vintage Chophouse (2015 Silver)

**Sean MacDonald** – MARKET Restaurant

**Darren Maclean** – Shokunin (2014 Silver, 2013 Bronze)

**John Michael MacNeil** – The Belvedere

**Michel Nop** – Redwater Grille

**Roy Oh** – Anju (2013 Silver)

**Luis Daniel Pizarro** – AVEC Bistro

**Jarod Traxel** – Cannibale

**James Waters** – KLEIN / HARRIS Restaurant

“Calgary 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 with a silver medalist coming out of the Canadian Culinary Championships with Matthew Batey of The Nash & Off Cut Bar last year, but on the event execution as well. Calgary’s event always has a strong showing of Olympians and great entertainment. This year will feature Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo along with Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea, Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley. It will be 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 Calgary will feature spectacular auction items, such as getaways with Olympians and Canadian entertainers to locations such as Tuscany, Portugal, Iceland, Barcelona and Mallorca and South America as well as Kelowna for the Canadian Gold Medal Plates finals.

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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 2015, 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 [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).

