

# 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 EDMONTON EVENT!***

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

**EDMONTON** – Edmonton's sold out Gold Medal Plates event taking place on Thursday, October 20 at the Shaw Conference 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.

"With the CBC Sports and Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games prime time host, Scott Russell as the emcee, the lucky 750 guests who managed to get tickets to the event will be reliving moments from the Rio games," says Edmonton GMP Co-Chair Dave Majeski. There will be over 30 Olympians at Edmonton's event including flag bearer at the Rio games, double gold medalist in trampoline, Rosie MacLennan, Rio chef de mission and multi medalist, Curt Harnett, Rio Olympic gold medalist in wrestling, Erica Wiebe and Rio CBC Olympic analyst, Mark Tewksbury.

"But the other stars of the show are the ten participating chefs", notes Bill Butler, Edmonton Co-Chair, "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."

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



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**Steven Brochu** – Chartier  
**Shane Chartrand** – Sage (2012 Silver, 2010 Bronze)  
**Geoffrey Caswell-Murphy** – Share at The Westin Edmonton  
**Bryan Cruz** – The Marc Restaurant  
**Eric Hanson** – Prairie Noodle Shop  
**Tony Krause** – Privada Wine+Tapas  
**Lindsay Porter** – Have Mercy (2014 Bronze)  
**Doreen Prei** – Get Cooking (2013 Silver)  
**Paul Shufelt** – Workshop Eatery (2013 Gold, 2012 Bronze)  
**Emmanuel Theriault** – Packrat Louie

“Edmonton 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 Canadian Culinary Champion coming out of this city with Ryan O’Flynn in 2015, but on the event execution as well. Being a sold out event every year, Edmonton’s event always has a strong showing of Olympians and great entertainment. This year will feature Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea along with Barney Bentall, Cory Tetford, Kendel Carson and Dustin Bentall. 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 Edmonton 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).

