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GOLD MEDAL PLATES B.C. ANNOUNCES COMPETING CHEFS FOR 2016!

VICTORIA – 2016 is an Olympic year and B.C.'s Gold Medal Plates will be celebrating the achievements of our Canadian athletes who were in Rio, as well as continuing to highlight Canadian excellence in cuisine, wine, the arts and athletic achievement.

Today, Gold Medal Plates announced the ten participating Chefs who will be preparing their culinary creations at the 2016 Victoria event, to be held at the Victoria Conference Centre on Thursday, November 17th. These Chefs have a hard act to follow as the 2015 Gold medal Chef, Alex Chen of Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar, also went on to win the Bronze medal at the Canadian Culinary Championships last February in Kelowna, B.C.

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

VICTORIA :

Morgan Wilson Fairmont Empress
Nicholas Waters Toque Catering
Sam Chalmers North 48
Sergio Hernandez Nourish Kitchen & Cafe

VANCOUVER :

Jefferson Alvarez Mosquito
Ricardo Valverde Ancora



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Ned Bell Oceanwise

OKANAGAN & GULF ISLANDS:

Jesse McCleery Pilgrimme

Mark Filatow Waterfront Wines

Rob Walker Liquidity Bistro

“Victoria 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, but on the event execution as well. Victoria is one of the most breathtaking cities 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 close to \$11 million for the Canadian Olympic Foundation.

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

To purchase tickets, or for sponsor opportunities for Gold Medal Plates Victoria, contact Scott Gurney at Victoria@goldmedalplates.com or visit 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 in 2016, 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 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.

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.

