

# GOLD DES MEDAL CHEFS PLATES EN OR

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## **Winnipeg's Top Eight Chefs Go for Gold** *2016 Gold Medal Plates Showcases Wine and Food*

WINNIPEG, MB (November 9, 2015) – Winnipeg's Gold Medal Plates (GMP) dinner will be serving to a sold out crowd once again as eight chefs compete in the 2016 edition of the Olympic fundraising event to be held at the RBC Convention Centre on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

The eight participating chefs at the Winnipeg 2015 Gold Medal Plates event are:

- Jesse Friesen - The Gusto Group
- Eraj Jayawickreme - The Velvet Glove at The Fairmont Winnipeg
- Randall Khounnoraj - Khao House
- Kyle Lew - Chew
- Melissa Makarenko - Resto Gare Bistro & Train Bar
- Fabrizio Rossi - Nicolinos
- Barry Saunders - Inn at the Forks/Era Bistro & Catering
- Chris Taing - Fusian Experience/Fusian Sushi

Gold Medal Plates (GMP) is eleven years strong and the ultimate celebration of Canadian Excellence in cuisine, wine, the arts and athletic achievement. Celebrated in twelve cities across Canada in 2016, GMP features the premier chefs in each city in a competition to crown a gold, silver and bronze medal culinary team, and subsequently nation-wide at the Canadian Culinary Championships.

Each chef will prepare one appetizer-sized dish for approximately 550 guests. Chefs must select a Canadian wine or beverage to pair with his or her dish and, to ensure a level playing field, chefs must use plates provided by the venue. Chefs will be allowed a maximum of 10 staff members, in addition to two wine pourers per station.

Judging the 2016 competition in Winnipeg will be James Chatto (National Judge), Barbara O'Hara (Senior Judge) Jeff Gill, Arvel Gray, Mike Green, Christine Hanlon and Chef Norm Pastorin (2015 Gold Medal Plates Winnipeg Winner). Each dish will be judged out of 100 points, based on visual presentation (20%), texture (20%), taste (30%), wine compatibility (10%), originality (10%) and wow factor (10%). James Chatto

Gold Medal Plates is also known for its intimate and unique combination of Canadian talent. Leading the way as the Master of Ceremonies for this year's event is CBC's Scott Russell. Joining Russell on the stage will be legendary Canadian entertainers Jim Cuddy (Blue Rodeo), Alan Doyle (Great Big Sea), Ed Robertson (Bare Naked Ladies) and Barney Bentall from Canadian rock band Barney Bentall and the Legendary Hearts.

The Canadian Olympic Foundation is the beneficiary from the GMP events' net proceeds, with funds being



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directed to the Own the Podium program. To date, GMP has provided nearly \$11 million to the Canadian Olympic Foundation, and once again, Olympians will be taking part in the dinners across Canada. Gold Medal Plates is very proud to help fund this incredible program, which is strengthening our athletes' performances and Canada's medal potential more every year.

Gold Medal Plates Winnipeg will once again feature a silent auction as well as a live auction, featuring spectacular getaways with Olympians and Canadian entertainers to destinations such as Big White, British Virgin Islands, Tuscany, Portugal, South Africa, Scotland and Newfoundland.

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