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Much food and fun at the 18th Annual Lawson Lundell Celebrity Hors d'Oeuvres

Calgary, AB – The evening of February 25, 2011 was full of amazing food, restaurants and celebrities, and was a great achievement for Alberta Theatre Projects. In partnership with Lawson Lundell LLP, the company presented the 18th Annual Lawson Lundell Celebrity Hors d'Oeuvres, and it was a fabulous success!

Hosted by Dave Kelly and Dianne Goodman, the fundraiser teamed some of Calgary's finest restaurants with local celebrities for a no-holds-barred competition to sell the most hors d'oeuvres, with all proceeds benefiting Alberta Theatre Projects. The event raised an estimated \$65,000.



The competition was officially kick started by Mayor Nenshi. Over the course of the evening, 9 participating restaurants and 17 celebrities fiercely competed for the attention of over 500 guests and for the distinguished Lawson Lundell Celebrity Hors d'Oeuvres Awards.

Judges Shelley Boettcher, Julie Van Rosendall and John Gilchrist presented the following Critic's Choice Awards:

- Beautiful Bite – awarded for outstanding individual hors d'oeuvre - went to Anju for their pork belly steamed bun sliders with hoisin sauce.

- Sumptuous Spread – awarded for outstanding selection of hors d’oeuvres – went to Taste for their beef tataki taco with carrot salsa, caramel and sea salt chiffon cupcake and an espresso chiffon cupcake.
- Prettiest Plate – awarded for outstanding presentation – went to CHAR|CUT for their Caesar martini with a spicy pickled baby carrot; red pepper anise Italian sausage with fennel kraut and mustard; and bacon fudgesicle.

The Edible Encore Audience Choice, awarded for most popular restaurant by participants, went to the Calgary Marriot Hotel.

The online auction was once again a huge success, and five extraordinary experience packages went to live auction at the event, including the Backstage with Sarah McLachlan package, Dine at Rouge with Brian Keating, and Soul & Beyond (guest star on a reality television show).

Featured celebrities included Michael Bigattini, Calgary Stampede Queen, Princesses and Indian Princess, Kristina Groves, Kirk Heuser, Brian Keating, Rebecca Northan, Cynthia Roebuck, Aly Velji and Jason Krell, David LeReaney, Christina Smith, and Eugene Stickland.

Participating restaurants included blink, Calgary Marriott Hotel, CHAR|CUT, Distinctive Catering, Rouge, Taste, The Main Dish and Open Range.

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