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The 17th Annual Lawson Lundell Celebrity Hors d'Oeuvres a huge success!

Calgary, AB – On February 19, 2010, Alberta Theatre Projects, in partnership with Lawson Lundell LLP, presented the 17th 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 total Net Profit is estimated at \$70,000.



**Clark Robertson as Don Cherry with The Main Dish restaurant, accepting the Sumptuous Spread award.
Photo courtesy of Cole Grey, Compass Studios Photography and Production.**

Gathered in the TELUS Convention Centre, 11 participating restaurants and 17 celebrities fiercely competed for the attention of close to 500 guests and for the distinguished Lawson Lundell Celebrity Hors d'Oeuvres Awards.

Our judges Shelley Boettcher, Anthony Charron and Julie Van Rosendall presented the following Critic's Choice Awards:

- Beautiful Bite – awarded for outstanding individual hors d'oeuvre - went to **Trader's Grill** for their Mascarpone and "Pop Rock" strawberry cheesecake with a pink lemonade bellini.

- Sumptuous Spread – awarded for outstanding selection of hors d’oeuvres – went to **The Main Dish** for their Cherry pink bacon grilled cheese flatbread, topped with sour cherry brazed pork belly and a cherry ice cream float.
- Prettiest Plate – awarded for outstanding presentation – went to **Open Range** for Bailey’s Ice Cream, and Duck Ravioli and Tamales.

The Edible Encore Audience Choice, awarded for most popular restaurant by participants, went to **Nectar Desserts**, who served up an array of sweet treats.

This year the event introduced its first ever online auction. Four extraordinary experience packages went to live auction at the event, and turned into five packages thanks to a last minute addition by Richard Bartrem of a second WestJet Flight Simulator package.

Featured celebrities included WestJet VP Richard Bartrem, City TV’s Jill Belland, Michael Biggatini, Sommelier at Willow Park Village, Ralph the Dog, mascot for the Calgary Stampeder Football Club, David Gray, host of CBC’s The Homestretch, author and restaurant critic John Gilchrist, fitness guru Jari Love, comedienne Cory Mack, CBC Radio personality Danielle Nerman, Gail Norton, co-owner of The Cookbook Co. Cooks, ward 11 Alderman Brian Pincott, Tom Phillips, front man of Tom Phillips and the Men of Constant Sorrow, Don Cherry impersonator Clark Robertson, CTV News Anchor Cynthia Roebuck, playwright Eugene Stickland, interior decorator Alykhan Velji, and CTV News Anchor Ian White.

Participating restaurants included Blink, The Belvedere, Concorde Restolounge, Delta Bow Valley, The Main Dish, Nectar Desserts, Open Range, Rouge, Seven Restolounge, Trader’s Grill and The Metropolitan Grill.

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