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Do you aspire to delight? Have you got an appetite? 18th Annual Lawson Lundell Celebrity Hors D'Oeuvres

Calgary, AB – The season's choice affair is just around the bend! As part of the Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays, which is celebrating its 25th Edition this year, Alberta Theatre Projects invites you to join us at the 18th Annual Lawson Lundell Celebrity Hors D'Oeuvres on Friday, February 25, 2011.

The annual Lawson Lundell Celebrity Hors D'Oeuvres fundraiser, hosted by Dave Kelly and Dianne Goodman, teams some of Calgary's finest restaurants with local celebrities for a no-holds-barred competition to sell the most hors d'oeuvres.

The evening will begin with a performance of *Heartbreaker* by Morwyn Brebner, a play that questions truth, memory, family and how we fit into the equation, as five characters find themselves intimately entwined with one another at a lakeside cottage. A story with many shades and textures, it will leave you guessing about what is actually true.

After the performance, the audience will move to the Calgary Telus Convention Centre, where the competition will begin. Guests purchase tokens at \$2 dollars each, and the restaurant-celebrity teams compete against each other in the hopes of being proclaimed the winner of the *Edible Encore Audience Choice*. Our Esteemed Judges, John Gilchrist and Julie Van Rosendaal, will also present the following Critic's Choice Awards:

- *Beautiful Bite* – awarded for outstanding individual hors d'oeuvre
- *Sumptuous Spread* – awarded for outstanding selection of hors d'oeuvres
- *Prettiest Plate* – awarded for outstanding presentation

This year's featured celebrities include: Jill Belland, Michael Bigattini, Calgary Stampede Queen, Princesses and Indian Princess, Kirk Heuser, Brian Keating, Rebecca Northan, Cynthia Roebuck, Aly Velji and Jason Krell, and Sheri D. Wilson.

Participating restaurants include blink, Calgary Marriott Hotel, Charcut, Distinctive Catering, Rouge, Social Restolounge, Taste, and The Main Dish.

Our second annual *Extraordinary Experience Online Auction* will be launched on February 1, 2011, at <http://vonality.com/atp>, and a few select auction packages will be bid on in the room the evening of the event.

Tickets start at \$30 for Event Only; \$50.50 for Performance and Event.

Performance Location:

Martha Cohen Theatre
215 – 8 Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta
In the EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts

Event Location:

TELUS Convention Centre, Pre-Function Space
136 – 8 Avenue SE

All proceeds to benefit Alberta Theatre Projects.

For tickets and information please contact the Alberta Theatre Projects Ticket Office
(403) 294-7402 or visit **ATPlive.com**

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Online Auction: Live as of February 1, 2010 at 3 p.m.

The Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays runs from **February 2 – March 6, 2011** with curtain times at 7:30 pm Tuesday through Saturday, and matinees at 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets can be bought online at ATPlive.com or by calling 403-294-7402.

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