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**CULINARY OLYMPIC TEAM OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FUNDRAISING EVENT**

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**VANCOUVER, BC, March 11, 2008** - On Friday, March 14th, 2008, the Culinary Olympic Team of British Columbia and the Kinsmen Retirement Centre Foundation will host a fundraising event at the Kinsmen Rec Centre in Tsawwassen. Proceeds from the event will benefit the International Culinary Olympics to be held in Erfurt, Germany in October of this year, along with the Kinsmen Retirement Centre Foundation.

The Culinary Olympic Team of British Columbia consists of ten Chefs from the Lower Mainland, including The Sutton Place Hotel's Fleuri Restaurant Chef, Raman Anand, and Third Cook, Jurgen Jurgens. Each of the talented culinary masters will prepare a different food item paired with an appropriate premium wine.

"Raman and Jurgen are truly gifted and talented individuals," says Food and Beverage Manager, Wolfgang Dauke. "We are so proud to have not one, but two of our Chefs belong to such a prestigious culinary brigade."

The International Culinary Olympics, otherwise referred to as the Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung (IKA), are held every four years in Germany and are attended by thousands of the world's top chefs and confectioners, all competing for medals and the Olympic Champion Title. Competitors will be demonstrating their top culinary performance in 20 categories that encompass every area of haute cuisine and patisserie.

The purpose of the competition is the assessment of chefs' and pastry chefs' abilities and performances.

This year's event will mark the 22nd Annual IKA / Culinary Olympics and will be held from October 18th through 22nd, 2008. For more information on the Food and Premium Wine Tasting Event on Friday, March 14th, 2008, please contact Anne Siemens at (604) 943-0225.

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