



### **What is AGCcooks?**

AGCcooks is a celebration showcasing some of Calgary and area's top Chefs in a friendly culinary competition. On Wednesday April 8, 2009, The Art Gallery of Calgary (The AGC) will be transformed into a kitchen stadium for our annual fundraiser. Each Chef will create a four-course feast designed around a secret ingredient chosen by Calgary food writer and CBC restaurant critic John Gilchrist. The "secret ingredient" will be unveiled two days prior to the event. Last year the "secret ingredient" was whole chicken, smoked chicken and eggs; locally provided by Sunworks Farm.

Guests will dine on one of these exceptional meals with each course accompanied by fine wine expertly chosen by the restaurant's sommelier to enhance the evening's menu. Guests will be encouraged to rate all four-courses based on taste, creativity, presentation, and showmanship. The results will be tabulated during dessert.

This year we will have the pleasure of handing out three esteemed awards:

- AGCcooks People's Choice Award - winner to be determined by the guests
- AGCcooks Media Food Critic Award - winner to be determined by our renowned 2009 media food critics
- AGCcooks Sommelier Award - new this year!

In 2008, Chris Spronk of *Bistro Piq Niq* walked away with the coveted People's Choice Award and Duncan Ly of *raw bar* walked away with the Media Food Critic Award.

This year's chefs include:

- The Belvedere - Chef Chris Walker
- raw bar - Hotel Arts - Chef Duncan Ly

- Bistro Piq Niq - Chef Joanne McFadden
- Bonterra Trattoria - Chef Glen Manzer
- rush - Chef Justin Leboe
- ParkerHouse - Chef Andrew Keen

### **Where do the proceeds from AGCcooks go?**

All proceeds will support The AGC's renowned art education programs for school children, Kindergarten to Grade 12.

### **How many people attend AGCcooks?**

There are only 96 tickets sold to this exclusive event, enabling an intimate dining experience with Calgary's top chefs. Tickets are \$250 per person, with a \$150 tax receipt issued per ticket.

### **Who sponsors AGCcooks?**

Each year, local corporations and businesses contribute to the success of AGCcooks.

### **What role does The AGC have in Calgary?**

Welcoming to both artists and the public, The Art Gallery of Calgary has been making contemporary art part of everyday life for nearly 30 years. The Gallery offers a wide range of artist talks, gallery tours, and other quality educational programs for all ages.

As a public arts organization, The AGC believes strongly in education. Our educational and curatorial objectives are inseparable, and our curriculum-enhancing school programs for Kindergarten to Grade 12 are designed to:

- Foster self-discovery
- Engage all the senses and encourage active observation
- Nurture qualities such as individuality and open-mindedness
- Develop communication skills

The Art Gallery of Calgary is a non-profit public art gallery dedicated to art education programs and exhibiting contemporary art. Located in two historic buildings in Calgary's vibrant downtown cultural district, The AGC presents a dynamic variety of contemporary art exhibitions by Canadian and international artists.