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AGC COOKS

The Art Gallery of Calgary once again pulls out the pots and pans for AGCcooks 2008– The Gallery’s culinary fundraiser six years running

March 13, 2008 Calgary, AB – For the sixth year running, the Art Gallery of Calgary (117-8 Avenue SW) will once again transform its gallery spaces into a six kitchen stadium to host its annual spring fundraiser, **AGCcooks**, Wednesday, April 9, 2008; 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. The evening promises to be an epicurean *feast for all of your senses*—whimsical sights and sounds, extraordinary art and offerings in the silent auction, and, of course, famed culinary creations from six of Calgary’s top restaurants.

Calgary’s top chefs will compete in this friendly culinary competition and create a four-course meal—a salad or appetizer, a “bowl o’ fun,” entrée and dessert. Each course will have to include the “secret ingredient” chosen by food and restaurant expert John Gilchrist. Guests are treated to a personal dining experience at one of the chef’s tables, and encouraged to rate the four courses based on *taste, creativity, presentation, and showmanship*. The results are tabulated at the end of the evening and one of the chefs will walk away with the *AGCcooks Gilded Utensil Award*.

For the first time this year, we will be including an AGC Media Critics’ Award. In addition to trying to win the favour of their guests, the chef’s will be graded on the same scale by some of Calgary’s top food writers and reports.

Five of six of the restaurants and chefs competing in this year’s are confirmed:

raw bar’s Duncan Ly, Executive Chef (the defending champion from AGCcooks 2007)
Piq Niq Bistro’s Chris Spronk, Executive Chef
Wild Ginger’s Ryan Hughes, Chef de Cuisine
The Belvedere Restaurant’s Chris Walker, Executive Chef
tangerine supperclub’s Paul McGreevy, Executive Chef

There are only 96 tickets sold to this exclusive event. Tickets are \$250 per person, with a \$150 tax receipt issued for each ticket. For tickets, phone the AGC at 770-1353.

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All proceeds will support the AGC's renowned art education programs for schoolchildren Kindergarten to Grade 12.

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