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From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

FUNdraising season is in full swing with Galas Galore!

HOToronto Magazine, in its commitment to keeping you informed and enlightened, continues to present you with a host of new on-line download magazine titles. This magazine is dedicated to one of our famous pastimes - *fundraising*. GALAvanting Magazine is an online DIGITAL publication, available as a free download designed to be of interest to the consumer and trade sectors alike. We have compiled for you, a list of galas and major fundraisers that basically put the FUN into FUNdraising. In subsequent updated issues we will be featuring Golf Tournaments and additional fundraising events.

The information compiled in this issue is derived from many sources, solicited and unsolicited. Our team of writers and photographers have been covering such galas for more than 17 years, and each year there are more and more such events popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA. For most, it is hard to keep up with the variety of gala events that want us to attend and support their particular cause. All of them worthy of consideration.

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SPOTLIGHT EVENT

AN EXQUISITE DINING EXPERIENCE TO BENEFIT SISTERING THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012 * 6 P.M. MILDRED'S TEMPLE KITCHEN www.sistering.org

Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th with Sistering at the second annual Kitchen Sisters: An Exquisite Dining Experience. This event is a collaboration of Toronto's finest women chefs and sommeliers presenting a delectable four-course meal with expertly selected wine pairings at Mildred's Temple Kitchen, 85 Hanna Avenue in the up and coming Liberty Village district. Founder and original co-laborator Marion "Food Sleuth" Kane (writer, broadcaster) describes the evening so well – "The beauty of this meal was its synergy of taste, texture, goodwill and great vibes."

Sistering has been providing hot meals and other practical and emotional support to poor, homeless, marginalized and low-income women in Toronto since 1981. Last year, between January and September, Sistering served 151,000 meals, and the demand continues to rise.

"Since moving to our home on Bloor Street, we have seen the numbers of women we serve increase by 40 per cent in the past four years ... Our kitchen is now too small for the number of meals we serve daily" says Sheryl Lindsay, Executive Director of Sistering. "Building on the success of last year's event, please join us in making the new kitchen a reality."

The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m., featuring passed hors d'oeuvres created by chefs Deborah Reid (George Brown College) and Carol Grey (Sistering).

A delectable four-course dinner is served at 7 p.m.:

First course:

Chefs Suzanne Baby (Gallery Grill, University of Toronto) and Trisha Beard (Sistering)

Second Course:

Chefs Christine Bib (Christine Bib Catering) and Maureen Watson (Sistering)

Main Course:

Chefs Anne Yarymowich (Art Gallery of Ontario) and Donna Dooher (Mildred's Temple Kitchen)

Dessert:

Chefs Joanne Yolles (George Brown College/formerly of Scaramouche and Pangaea) and Colen Quinn (Pangaea)

Tickets are priced at \$500 and \$1,000 for the VIP Chef's Table. Please contact Sistering at 416.926.9762 ext. 243 for details.

Ordinary women in extraordinary circumstances: Sistering has been supporting homeless, under-housed and low-income women in the Toronto community since 1981. The core services offered are basic needs for daily living, housing assistance, counseling, advocacy and self-employment programs. For more information, please visit www.sistering.org.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE BEST GALAS & FUNDRAISERS

A NIGHT IN THE PAST FOR A CURE IN THE FUTURE RETRO GALA

February 18

Bellvue Manor, Vaughan

416-410-5177

In support of Cancer Research at Princess Margaret Hospital.

www.acureinthefuture.com

A THOUSAND PAPER CRANES GALA

“An Evening To Make Wishes Come True”

March 1

Fairmont Royal York Hotel

416-735-4040

In support of the Michael Pinball Clemons Foundation

ALL THAT GLITTERS GALA “The Show Must Go On”

May 8

The Allstream Centre

416-920-5035 Ext. 235

In support of The Chrohn’s and Colitis Foundation of Canada

www.kintera.org

BARBADOS CHARITY BALL “Feel The Spirit of Crop Over”

June 9

Toronto Congress Centre

In support of Scholarships and HIV Aids

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BIG NIGHT OUT

June 14

Liberty Grand

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BOOK LOVER’S BALL

February 9

The Fairmont Royal York

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www.bookloversball.ca

BRIDGE TO THE CURE GALA

May 1

Spirale Banquet Hall

416-946-2353

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CJFE GALA

December 5

Fairmont Royal York Hotel

In support of Canadian Journalists for Free Expression

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CHOCOLATE & ICE WINE GALA

February 18

Niagara Culinary College

Niagara-on-the-Lake

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www.niagaracollege.ca/decadence

THE CHOCOLATE BALL

“Cocoa Cabaret”

October 19

Palais Royale Ballroom

416-923-4686

In support of Prostate & Breast Cancer Initiatives

www.TheChocolateBall.com

www.TorontoChocolateFestival.com

THE CHOCOLATE BALL (SPRING)

“Live La Vida Cocoa”

May 3

Bellagio Event Centre, Vaughan

In support of Prostate + Breast Cancer Initiatives

www.TheChocolateBall.com

COMMUNITY LIVING MISSISSAUGA TRIBUTE DINNER

“Made In Canada, The Italian Way”

March 8

Le Treport Convention Centre

905-542-2694 Ext. 2694

www.clmiss.ca

In support of Mississauga Community Living

CONSERVATION GALA

May 9

Rattlesnake Point Golf Club

In support of the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation and Conservation Halton Foundation

www.conservationgala.ca

DA VINCI GALA

May 16

La Primavera Convention Centre

77 Woodstream Blvd, Vaughan

416-586-8203 ext. 8749

In support of Mildred Sonshine Family Centre for Head and Neck Diseases.

www.davincigala.com

DANCING WITH OUR STARS

Hosted by Andrea Martin

March 29

The Allstream Centre

In support of Baycrest Foundation

www.baycrest.org/dancingwith-ourstars

D.A.N.I. GALA

March 18

Terrace Banquet Centre

Richmond Hill Centre for the Arts

In support of Developing and Nurturing Independence

905-731-6606

www.dani-toronto.com

DISCO DAYS BOOGIE NIGHTS “Dance To Conquer Cancer”

February 12

In support of the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation

www.DiscoDays.ca

DRAGON BALL

January 28

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

In support of Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation

www.YeeHong.com

EAT TO THE BEAT

October 16

Roy Thomson Hall

In support of Willow Breast Cancer Support Centre

www.eattothebeat.ca

FANDANGO! IN THE NILE

May 12

Ritz Carlton Hotel

416-461-8252 Ext. 2247

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www.bridgepointthehealthfoundation.ca

FLIGHTS OF FANTASY:**“Antartica”****January 21****Paramount Convention Centre****222 Rowntree Dairy Road,****Woodbridge**

416-747-3859

*In support of Humber River Regional**Hospital Foundation.**www.flightsoffantasy.ca***FOR THE LOVE OF BALLET****February 11****Ritz Carlton Hotel***In support of the National Ballet**School**www/nbs-enb.ca***FRIENDS HELPING SICKKIDS****February 11****La Primavera Banquet Hall****77 Woodstream Blvd., Woodbridge**

905-856-8244

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905-832-8298

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416-760-7351

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416-704-3273

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416-763-4116

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416-813-7812

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416-923-2999

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*In support of SickKids Foundation**www.sickkidsfoundation.com***ROOTS AND WINGS GALA****April 27****The Carlu**

905-836-0285

*In support of Trails Youth Initiatives**www.trails.ca***SHINE: 2012 GALA****February 11****The Ritz-Carlton Hotel***In support of National Ballet School**www.rbs-enb.ca***SNOWBALL 2012****“Elemental”****February 25****Avenue Road, 415 Eastern Avenue***Gala Dinner + Auction: 7 pm**Lounge Party: 9:30 pm*

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SPIRIT OF HOPE**May 29****The Allstream Centre***In support of the Friends of Simon
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416-946-2066

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416-436-9056

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AN ARTISTS AFFAIR****April 24****The Carlu**

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Sweethearts may rule on Valentine's Day, but for those with a sweet tooth, the real celebration begins Feb. 17.

That date ushers in a weekend of Decadence at Niagara College's Canadian Food and Wine Institute. The second annual celebration of chocolate and icewine to be held at the college's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus features a national student pastry competition (Feb. 17-Feb 19) and a day of chocolate- and icewine-inspired public events on Feb. 18, including family activities, and seminars and demonstrations, topped off with an evening gala event.

Dean of the CFWI Jon Ogryzlo noted that Decadence is a great way for the CFWI to not only showcase the skills of culinary students from across Canada through its national pastry competition – as well as NC's wine and beer students – but for the public to visit the CFWI, learn more about chocolate and icewine while savouring them in the process.

"I am really looking forward to sampling a remarkable array of culinary delights all incorporating chocolate and icewine prepared by our students, and chef professors," he said. "Niagara College is the perfect place to host this national competition as we highlight Niagara's great wines and cuisine to the rest of Canada, and the world."

At Canada's only North American student team pastry competition, the CFWI will turn up the heat on its team of culinary students as they battle teams from Holland College, Humber College and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology to become the top pastry school on the

continent. Teams will produce an array of pastry products featuring chocolate and icewine to be judged by high-profile judges including John-Carlo Felicella, Pradeep Dharmawardane and Judson W. Simpson. The competition begins Feb. 17, and continues Feb. 18.

On Feb 18, the CFWI will open its doors to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests can enjoy numerous free-of-charge activities including ice carving demonstrations, a birds of prey showcase, arts and crafts, and entertainment. In addition, CFWI students will host a barbecue and the college's Niagara Waters Spa will be offering \$5 mini-manis (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Chocolate Kids' Camps will be held during the day (\$10).

The CFWI's new Niagara Chocolate Theatre will run five hourly presentations featuring chocolate experts and world-class chefs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (start times) including author and Food Network host Anna Olson, the college's chef professor Philippe Corbiere and more. Tickets are \$5 per session or \$20 for all five. No registration required.

Visitors can also register to attend seminars to sample wines and custom-designed beers paired with chocolate and other delectables at various seminars. Topics include: The Art of Blending Icewine with Head Winemaker Terrance Van Rooyan; Decadent Chocolate Pairing with Inniskillin Icewine; Decadent Chocolate Pairing with Jackson Triggs; Beer and Chocolate with the CFWI's Brewmaster Jon Downing and sommelier Jennifer Wilhelm. Seminars are \$25 each. To register for seminars call 905-641-2252 ext 4629 or email decadence@niagaracollege.ca.

Sweet Dreams: A Night of Chocolate and Icewine on Feb. 18 is a ticketed event

where guests will gather for an evening of food and world-class wines in full Decadence style. Guests will sample food expertly prepared by chef professors and students of the CFWI while sipping icewine and wines from the college's award-winning Teaching Winery, as well as other wineries including Inniskillin and Jackson Triggs. The college's Brewmaster students are also preparing chocolate and icewine beer for the occasion.

The weekend will wrap up with a brunch on Feb. 19 when pastry competition winners will be announced and receive their awards, including the grand prize – a professional table top induction burner from Garland Canada with a seven-piece stainless steel cookware set from Le Creuset (valued at \$2,000 each). Brunch reservations may be made at Benchmark for \$30 a person. Call 905-641-2252 ext. 44619.

For more information about Decadence 2012 visit NiagaraCollege.ca/content/Decadence.

The Canadian Food and Wine Institute, located on Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus, is the college's centre for food wine and beer education. It is home to Benchmark, the college's teaching restaurant, as well as the Teaching Winery and Teaching Brewery.



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