



SCOTIABANK PASSIONS FALL EVENT – A GALA THAT CARES

Tickets on sale now for the 13th annual Scotiabank Passions Gala, benefiting the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation

Vancouver, BC, August 18, 2016 - For the 13th year in a row, **Scotiabank Passions - a benefit for the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation** is a landmark culinary event that raises much needed funds for the cutting edge work and care for which the foundation is known. Prepare to sip and savour on September 7, 2016, from 6:30pm-9:30pm. More than 25 of the city's top chefs will gather at the Yaletown Roundhouse (181 Roundhouse Mews) to celebrate an evening of philanthropy and gastronomic delights.

This year's 26 participating restaurants include [Beaucoup Bakery & Café](#), [Black + Blue](#), [Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar](#), [Chez Christophe](#), [CinCin](#), [Forage](#), [Glowbal Group](#), [Hawksworth Restaurant](#), [Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House](#), [Juniper](#), [La Pentola](#), [LaTab](#), [Market by Jean-Georges](#), [Minami](#), [Nextjen](#), [Notch8](#), [Provence](#), [Royal Dinette](#), [Savoury Chef](#), [The Observatory](#), [The RawBar](#), [The Rosewood Hotel Georgia](#), [Tojo's](#), [Urban Fare](#), [VCC Culinary Arts](#), and [West](#).

"I am especially proud to have such a stellar line-up of restaurants, year-after-year," exclaims **Nathan Fong, the Founder of Scotiabank Passions**. "This year, we have some new and exciting additions and returns. It is a testament to the continuing power of Scotiabank Passions and the culinary community's dedication to such a great cause. Guests are definitely in for a treat."

Vancouver Magazine's 2015 Bartender of the Year, Lauren Mote from [Bittered Sling](#), will mix and pour cocktails all night long. Guests can also enjoy beer from [R&B Brewing Co.](#), a selection of wine from [New Zealand Winegrowers](#), and coffee from [Nespresso](#).

"With the dedication, hard work, and vision of Nathan Fong and the loyal support of event guests, volunteers and organizers, the Scotiabank Passions gala continually exceeds all expectations. Since its inaugural launch in 2003, Scotiabank Passions has raised more than \$1 million for HIV/AIDS care," says **Maxine Davis, Executive Director of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation**. "The continuity of support and the sheer effectiveness of the event is a key component in our ability to care for those in need."

Global BC's Sophie Lui and Fred Lee, Vanhatten's Man About Town and regular contributor to the CBC and the Province and Vancouver Courier, will emcee the event.

Tickets are available, with general admission priced at \$225. Sparkling Reception tickets are \$300. Tickets will be available at www.drpeter.org/passions or by calling 604.331.5086.

This year, at the Sparkling Reception, which happens from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, before the main event, guests will enjoy Oyster Bay bubbly, gifts from Urban Fare and a first chance to sample from the Chef Stations.

Scotiabank Passions – A Benefit for the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sparkling Reception: 5:30 p.m.

General Admission: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Roundhouse

Address: 181 Roundhouse Mews, Yaletown, Vancouver BC

Tickets: \$300 Sparkling Reception with general admission, and \$225 general admission. Tickets are available July 1st at www.drpeter.org/passions or by calling 604.331.5086.

About the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation

At the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation, every day is an inspiring reminder of what we can achieve by providing compassionate HIV care for people whose lives are impacted by HIV/AIDS and the additional challenges of addiction, mental illness, homelessness, poverty and discrimination. For more information on the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation, the Dr. Peter Centre, and Scotiabank Passions, please visit: www.drpeter.org.

About Scotiabank Passions

The history of Scotiabank Passions dates back to 2002 when a small charity cooking class was held at Barbara-Jo's Books to Cooks. A year later, the annual event was christened "Passions." Organized by Vancouver food media personality, Nathan Fong, the inaugural event featured nine chefs, 100 attendees and raised \$7000. Under Nathan's continued stewardship, Scotiabank Passions has since tripled in size and has become one of Vancouver's most popular food and wine events. To date, Scotiabank Passions has raised more than \$1 million.

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