



## **FOOD FOR A CAUSE**

**11<sup>th</sup> annual Scotiabank Passions gala celebrates local culinary talent on September 14th**  
*Tickets on sale now for gala benefiting the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation*

**Vancouver, BC, August 19, 2014** – One of Vancouver’s most anticipated culinary events, **Scotiabank Passions – a benefit for the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation**, invites the whole community to celebrate its 11<sup>th</sup> year on Sunday, September 14, 2014. From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., guests will not only partake in delicious bites and drinks from more than 20 of the city’s top chefs, but also revel at a new location as the gala enters its second decade at a new venue, The Imperial Vancouver at 319 Main Street. This fundraising gala has raised more than \$1 million for HIV/AIDS care since its inaugural launch in 2003.

The 21 participating restaurants and chefs include [Beaucoup Bakery](#), [Bittered Sling](#), [CinCin](#), [Cibo](#), [Coast](#), [Espana](#), [Forage](#), [Joe Fortes](#), [Glowbal Grill](#), [Maenam](#), [Market by Jean-Georges](#), [Miku](#), [Provence](#), [The Observatory](#), [Tojo’s](#), [Urban Fare](#), and [West](#). Newcomers this year include [Bella Gelateria](#), [The Fat Badger](#), [Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar](#), and [Raw Bar at the Fairmont Pacific Rim](#).

“Scotiabank Passions is truly a spectacular evening for food lovers and philanthropists alike,” explains Nathan Fong, Committee Chair and Founder. “I am so excited to be entering the next decade of this incredible gala fundraiser, and none of it would be possible without loyal support from our chefs, restaurants, volunteers, sponsors and committee members – not to mention our wonderful guests! We can’t wait to expand to a new location this year! It’s going to be another incredible celebration.”

Scotiabank Passions will once again spotlight a selection of wines courtesy of [New Zealand Winegrowers](#) and beer from [R&B Brewing Co.](#)

“We are so grateful for the dedication of Nathan Fong, the chefs, and the event committee who returns year after year to support our work,” says Maxine Davis, Executive Director of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation. “This year’s event is set to be the best yet, with new and returning restaurants and a fresh new event space. ”

Global TV’s Sophie Lui and The Beat 94.5’s Jonny Staub will be emcees for the evening.

Tickets are currently on sale, with general admission priced at \$225 until September 1 and \$250 thereafter. Guests can enjoy the Champagne Reception with general admission tickets for \$300. Tickets are available at [www.drpeter.org](http://www.drpeter.org) or by calling 604.331.5086.

The pre-event champagne reception, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., gives guests advance access to the event. They can sip bubbly as they preview auction items, mix and mingle with event hosts and Dr. Peter’s friends and family. A limited number of champagne reception tickets are available.

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

**Date:** Sunday, September 14, 2014

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Champagne Reception:** 5 p.m.

**General Admission:** 6 p.m.

**Where:** The Imperial Vancouver

**Address:** 319 Main Street, Vancouver BC

**Tickets:** \$300 champagne reception with general admission, and \$250 general admission (early bird pricing available). Tickets are available at [www.drpeter.org](http://www.drpeter.org) 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 HIV treatment and other supports 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](http://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 for HIV/AIDS care.

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