

Media Release

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Victoria, BC - The OCTA Collective Society is pleased to announce the winners of the 4th annual "Colour Your Palate" fundraising event for the artsREACH project, which took place last evening at the Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort & Spa. At the event, 14 chefs presented one canapé that incorporated the colour they drew at the March 22 launch event.

The Judges for this year's event included: Eric Akis (Times Colonist food columnist), Gary Hynes (publisher and editor of EAT Magazine) and Denise Marchessault (cooking instructor and proprietor of French Mint).

The judges sampled each of the entries and chose the first three awards:

Most Colourful Creation: The Fairmont Empress

Chef: Kamal Silva

Assistant: Chef D'oyen Christie

Colour: Purple

Purple Rain Semifreddo: Thai Chili & Cointreau Spiced Bavarois, Purple Chocolate Rain with Lavender infused Starling Lane Black Berry Port Shooter.

Best Tasting: Camille's Fine Westcoast Dining

Head Chef: Stephan Drolet

Assistant – Chef Francois Boule

Colour: Black

Georgia Strait Black Cod Ceviche: Squid Ink & Black Sesame Cracker, Blackstrap Molasses Suckling Pig Ham, Black Chinese Vinegar Beads, Black Trumpet Mushroom Fluid Gel

Judges award: Flawless Execution in both Taste and Colour: Camille's Fine Westcoast Dining

Georgia Strait Black Cod Ceviche (see above for description)

Colour Your Palate attendees voted for the People's Choice winner:

People's Choice Award: The Fairmont Empress

Purple Rain Semifreddo (see above for description)

To see a description of the entries of the other participating chefs, please refer to:
www.octacollective.com/ColourYourPalate/chefs.html

The artsREACH project is managed by The OCTA (Only Creative Thinking Allowed) Collective Society, a Victoria-based charitable organization, which aims to provide all children with the opportunity to develop life skills by exploring their potential through arts experiences.

artsREACH provides painting, printmaking and theatre workshops to elementary schools that have been identified as having a high percentage of children from lower-income families. Since 2005, more than 10,000 children have participated in one of over 500 workshops that have been delivered.

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