



PREMIER CULINARY EVENT - HOSTED BY CARLO ROTA - SUPPORTS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Second Harvest's Toronto Taste is Sunday, June 14th

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What's more appetizing than an evening in the Village of Yorkville Park indulging in the city's finest taste experiences? Knowing that every bite helps people in need.

On Sunday, June 14th, over 30 of Toronto's most inventive chefs will come together to participate in Toronto Taste, an unforgettable culinary celebration in support of Second Harvest. Now celebrating its 19th anniversary, Toronto Taste is not only the premier culinary event of the year but also one of the largest fundraisers for Second Harvest. This one day event nets over \$250,000 which Second Harvest uses to deliver over 500,000 meals for those who are hungry right here in our city.

At the centre of Toronto Taste are the chefs and beverage providers themselves. Not only do they donate their time on a Sunday evening, but they also provide the food and drinks for all the guests! Participating chefs and restaurants include:

- Ace Bakery
- All the Best Fine Foods
- beerbistro
- Caviar Centre Inc.
- Centro Restaurant & Lounge
- Chiado
- Corner House Restaurant
- DIDIER Restaurant and Catering
- Dufflet Pastries
- Fairmont Royal York Hotel
- Far Niente
- Frank, the Restaurant At the Art Gallery of Ontario
- Gelato Fresco
- grano
- Great Cooks on Eight
- Harvest Kitchens
- Indian Rice Factory
- Inn on the Twenty
- Jamie Kennedy Kitchens
- Longos

- Mildred's Temple Kitchen
- Millcroft Inn & Spa
- North 44/Bymark/ONE/mcewan
- Nota Bene
- Oliver & Bonacini at the Toronto Board of Trade
- Pangaea
- Pauline's Pastries
- Petite Thuet
- Ruth's Chris Steak House/Toronto Hilton
- Sancis Tropical Foods
- Sassafras
- Scaramouche
- Sodexo
- Splendido Restaurant
- Studio Café, Four Seasons Hotel, Toronto
- The Chef's House, George Brown Chef School
- Trattoria Sotto Sotto
- Veritas
- Wanda's Pie in the Sky
- XOCOAVA

Returning as Host for the evening is Carlo Rota, of CBC's Little Mosque on the Prairie, along with entertainment by blues and jazz great Jackie Richardson. Ms. Richardson along with the Regent Park School of Music Choir will be performing a special tribute. Also returning, as presenting sponsor for the 14th year in a row, is The Daniels Corporation. As a gift to Second Harvest, Daniels' President, Mitchell Cohen actually composed the song that Jackie Richardson will be performing for the first time ever at Toronto Taste.

In addition to great entertainment and sampling culinary sensations guests will also participate in the popular raffle draw (top prize being an exciting trip to China), the live auction (a handful of fabulous experience packages), the fine wine auction (featuring impressive, distinct bottles from around the world) and the online auction (available to the public and running from June 8th – 30th at www.torontotaste.ca).

By purchasing a ticket to Toronto Taste each guest will be helping Second Harvest deliver 250 meals to those in need. Collectively, the community will come together and raise over \$250,000, resulting in 500,000 meals for those in need, right here in our city.

Tickets are \$225 each (with a tax receipt issued for \$125) and available for purchase online at www.torontotaste.ca or by calling 416.408.2594. Limited tickets available. The evening festivities begin at 6pm. Join us at Toronto Taste as we pair cuisine and compassion.

About Second Harvest: Every day, Second Harvest picks up donated, high quality fresh food, which would otherwise have gone to waste, and delivers that food to approximately 250 social service programs across the GTA. Second Harvest currently provides enough food for over 15,000 meals a day to children in after-school programs, seniors on fixed incomes, women fleeing domestic abuse, psychiatric patients, homeless people, and many others who have fallen on hard times.

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