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Wednesday, March 6, 2024 **Americana Conference Centre, Niagara Falls** 



#### Welcome

Welcome to the 19th Anniversary of Empty Bowls! Proceeds from the event will help us to continue providing supportive transitional and permanent housing for individuals and families across the Niagara region.

Bethlehem Housing and Support Services is a multi-service organization serving the diversified needs of Niagara residents by offering support for individual growth through housing and other focused services. We are the only organization in Niagara offering supportive transitional and permanent housing for women, men and their children with a focus on families who are homeless due to issues with poverty, physical disability, mental health, domestic violence and family breakdown.

For over 30 years Bethlehem has helped thousands of individuals and families in our community stabilize their lives by providing housing and support services to help them break the cycle of homelessness and gain the confidence, skills and health to remain securely housed.

#### Evening Highlights

- Music by Juliet Dunn
- Silent Auction
- Mystery Soup Can
- 50/50 Raffle



#### Emcee

Brad Baker, Owner, BBBlooms Floral Studio

#### Schedule



6:00 p.m. Doors open to Main Event

6:30 p.m. Sample soup, wine, beer, & desserts

8:00 p.m. Silent Auction table closes

8:10 p.m. Live Auction

People's Choice Ballots are tallied

8:20 p.m. Executive Director's Speech
FirstOntario CU CEO Lloyd Smith's Speech

8:30 p.m. Announcement of Soup Award Winners

8:45 p.m. Begin to pick up Silent Auction prizes

#### Platinum Ladel Award

#### Judged by:

Darlene Check and Brian Salmon from 91.7 Giant FM, Mike Balsom, Craig Youdale, Catherine O'Donnell & John Vetere

#### Peoples Choice Award

#### Nominated by you!

Be sure to vote for your favourite soup by placing your ballot in one of the ballot boxes by 8:10 p.m.

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#### Choose Your One-of-a-kind Pottery Bowl

Choosing your very own hand crafted bowl might take some time because each bowl is uniquely designed by local potters. Once you've chosen your bowl you'll use it during the event to enjoy all the delicious soups, and take the bowl home as a continuous reminder of those who struggle to meet the basic living needs and secure affordable housing throughout our community.

#### Thank You to our Talented Potters!

Visit our website www.bethlehemhousing.ca to view profiles for each of our professional potters.

#### **Professional Potters:**

Third Space Pottery - Chris Hartmann (Owner), Dale Mark, Lakeside Pottery - Ron & Barb Zimmermann; Sojira Pottery - Chris Sora; Sonja Zanuttini Pottery - Sonja Zanuttini, Roberta Schmidt, Jill Crown; Donn Zver Pottery - Donn Zver; Pottery by Unha - Unha Hill; Sparrow Pottery Studio - Barbara Galbraith; Shed Pottery - Johann Monro (Owner), Jonathan Harper.

#### **Hobby & Student Potters:**

Ian MacMillan, Kerri Krawec, Jan Campbell-Luxton, Michelle Lowry, Heather Chalmers, Janine Hutchinson, JoAnne Griffith, Suesan Taylor, Sandy Charlton, Tania Celia, Liz Hayden, Rebecca Dasilva, Hazel Chambers, Bethany Loewen, Leigh-Ellen Keating, Bettina Ryan, Toby Ley

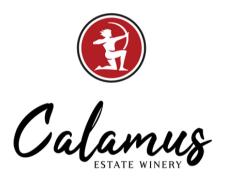


#### VIP Reception (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

As a VIP you will mingle with other guests and event sponsors while sampling a variety of appetizers, local wines and spirits. Enjoy prime seating in close proximity to the stage.



#### VIP Vendors







**Calamus Estate Winery** - 2021 Barrel Kissed Chardonnay and NV Ball's Falls Red and 2021 Cabernet Shiraz

Moksha Indian Bistro - Assorted Indian Appetizers

Wind Group - Assorted Sushi







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# Soup Vendors





Slow Roasted
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Soup



Buffalo Chicken Wing Chowder



Caldo Tlalpeno Soup



Butter Chicken Soup



**Chicken Pot Pie Soup** 



**Beef Barley Soup** 



Kumara Soup w/ brown butter, crème fraiche and macadamia crumble

#### RAVINEVINEYARD

ESTATE WINERY

Spicy Laska
Noodle Soup Thick rice noodles,
Fogo Island
Shrimp, rich and
spicy cocnut broth,
mint corriander
and Thai basil



Duck Chowder with Duck 3 Ways



Mulligatawny
Soup with
Crumbled Samosas

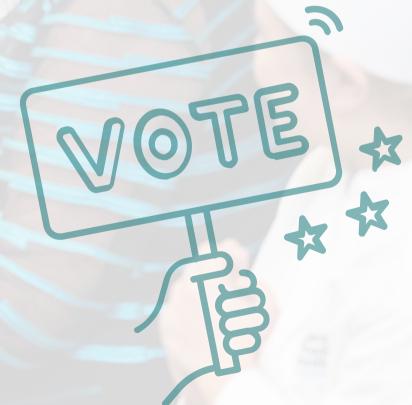


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# Congratulations to last year's winners:

Niagara College were winners of both the People's Choice Award (voted on by the guests) and the Platinum Ladle Award (voted on by the judging panel) for their Tandoori Chicken Soup.

Be sure to vote for your favourite soup by placing your ballot in one of the ballot boxes by 8:10 p.m.



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#### Beer



Barn Raiser
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#### Desserts, Coffee, Tea & Bread











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# Event Venue Arrangement

#### VIP Reception Vendors

- 1 Calamus Estate Winery
- 3 Moksha Indian Bistro
- 10 & 14 Wind Group
- 4 Palatine Hills Estate Winery

#### Wine & Beverage Vendors

- 2 Bench Brewing Company
- 7 13th Street Winery
- 12 Oast House Brewers
- 15 Ravine Vineyard



#### Soup Vendors

- 5 Kully's Original Sports Bar
- 6 Mick and Angelo's
- 8 Doc Magilligan's
- 9 Americana
- 10 MA Chinese
- 11 Eh Jose
- 13 The Feathery Pub
- 14 East Izakaya
- 17 Ravine Vineyard
- 18 Niagara College
- 19 The Twisted Pig
- 20 Wellington Court

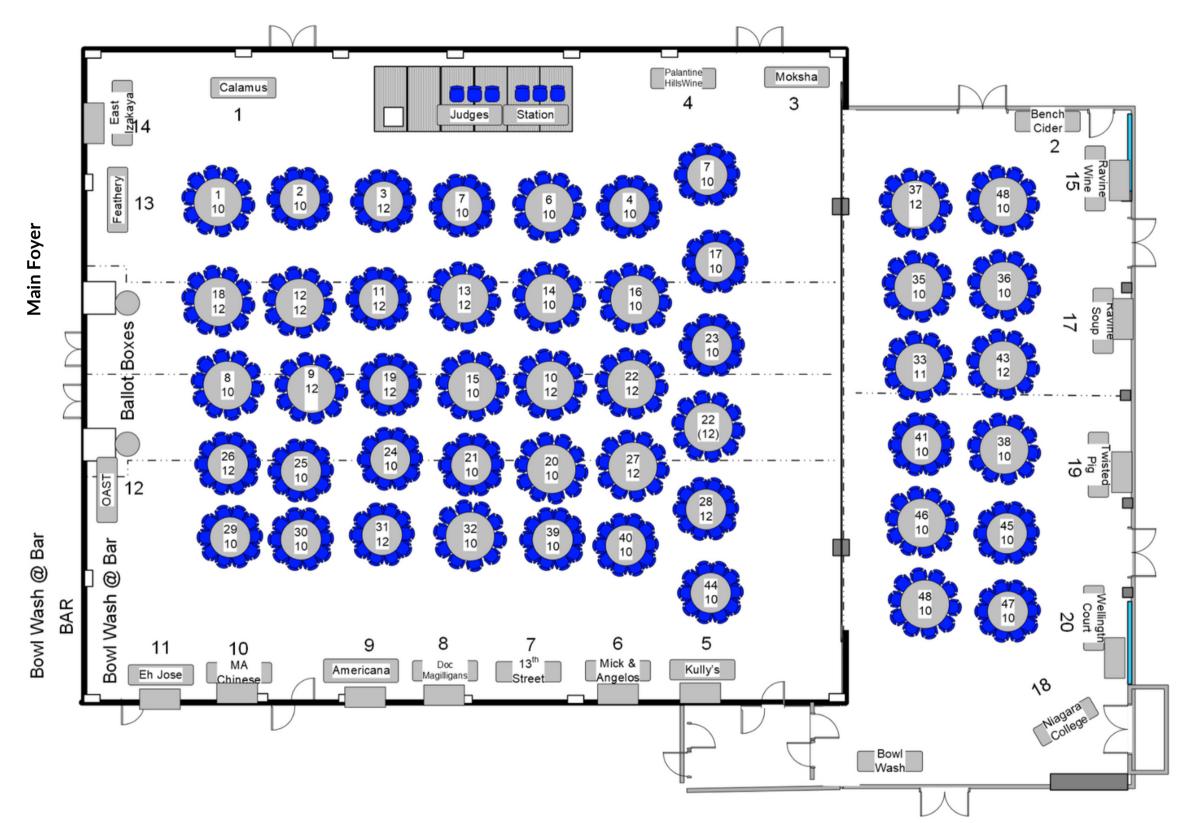
#### Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Bread Vendors

- \* Niagara College
- \* Willow Cakes and Pastries
- \* Station One Coffee House
- \*\* De La Terre Bakery





- \* In Main Foyer
- \*\* Distributed to tables



#### Event Emcee

Brad Baker - Emcee; Floral Designer, BBBlooms Floral Studio



Our admired Emcee, Brad Baker, will infuse his vibrant energy and will ensure that the event program runs smoothly.

Brad is the entertaining and lively man at the forefront of Empty Bowls. We have been fortunate to have him as our returning emcee at our annual fundraiser for many years. With Brad, you know it will be a brilliant and vibrant evening.

Brad Baker is the man behind the flowers. With a true passion for floral design and event planning Brad is dedicated to creating an overall experience, paying careful attention to detail and managing every last element of a project.

An Honours graduate of Canadian Institute of Floral Design, Brad has worked at many galas and events building an incredible portfolio while doing what he loves most. He also has Wedding Planner certification from the Wedding Planners Institute of Canada.









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## Entertainment/Musicians

Juliet Dunn - Vocalist, Performer, Co-creator of the TD Jazz Festival in Niagara

Enjoy entertainment upon arrival by jazz vocalist Juliet Dunn, and get into the groove for a fun evening.

Juliet is a vocalist, performer, booking agent and co-creator of the TD Jazz Festival in Niagara. She has performed in film, television, and theatre, most notably with the renowned Shaw Festival. Juliet works tirelessly to keep jazz alive and it is exciting to anticipate where her energy, efforts, and talents will take her in the future. Without a doubt, Juliet Dunn is vital to the Jazz scene of Niagara and beyond.





Pastry Chef
Catherine O'Donnell

Owner, Willow Cakes & Pastries in Niagara-on-the-Lake

From humble beginnings she has successfully lead restaurants and wineries to notoriety and excellence through her food. Recently (for the past number of years) she has been a professor and now Program Coordinator of Pastry at Niagara College in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

She is also the Founder and Owner of Willow Cakes & Pastries, which is a community staple for the last 17 years, located just outside of downtown Old Town Niagara-on-the-Lake. As if this wasn't enough, she has also gone through and succeeded in the training of becoming a World Judge of Pastry, which sends her all over the world judging the best of the best in her field and expertise.



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#### Chef Craig Youdale

Dean, Niagara Food & Wine Institute Niagara College

Chef Craig Youdale hails from our Ottawa where he began his culinary career. His journey began in restaurants in our nations capital that led to becoming an apprentice at the prestigious Chateau Laurier in Ottawa launching his full-time career in food.

The next chapter led to further roles as Chef in many restaurants across the nation for over a decade.

Craig came to Niagara College in 2009 as the Associate Dean and soon become the Dean of the Canadian Food and Wine Institute in 2013. In that time, he has overseen the launching of programs in Baking Pastry, Culinary Innovation and Food Technology, Brewmaster and Brewery Operations Management, and most recently the new Artisan Distilling program.

The Ontario Hostelry Institute recently honoured Craig with its Gold Medal in Education for 2017 as well as the winning the 2018 Spirit of Niagara Award in Hospitality for his contribution to the Niagara region. His dedication to culinary world in Canada led him to be named to the Honour Society of the Canadian Culinary Federation in 2018 and the Academy of Chefs for the American Culinary Federation in 2019.







Darlene & Brian

Hosts of Giant Mornings on 91.7 Giant FM

Darlene is one half of the morning team on Classic Rock 91.7 Giant FM. The 25-year radio veteran hails from the Wild West of Alberta and has graced the airwaves across Canada. She now calls Niagara home, loves to hike in the Escarpment and is very fond of the grapes here. Join the fun on Giant Mornings with Darlene & Brian Monday-Friday 6AM-9AM.

Brian Salmon - With 40 years of experience in radio announcing, Brian has recently delighted listeners on the Giant FM morning show and the midday show on Country 89. He is a proud, contributing and creative member of the MBC team who enjoys connecting with artists, charities, businesses and communities throughout the Niagara region. As a sought after emcee, Brian introduced many acts including, Alabama, Ronny Milsap, Blue Rodeo, Trooper, Nazareth, Bachman and Cummings, Brass Transit, The Caverners, Kim Mitchell, April Wine and David Wilcox, just to name a few.

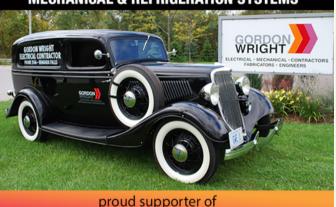
When not behind the microphone, Brian likes to kick back and relax with his wife Jenn and two step kids, Lexi and Kalam. He also enjoys following his favourite football (soccer) team, Manchester City!! Brian is an award winning baritone soloist as well.



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Mike Balsom

Television Broadcaster (yourtv.tv/ Niagara) and freelance newspaper reporter (notllocal.com) With a background in radio and television, Mike Balsom has been covering news and events across the Niagara Region for more than 35 years. He loves to cover sports and entertainment, and to reveal the fascinating back-stories of so many of the amazing people he meets in town.

















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Chef John Vetere

Executive Chef, Ravine Vineyard
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A Canadian-born chef and author (Cooks Book), John has been working in Southern Ontario's best kitchens for the past 17 years. After completing culinary school at George Brown College, he earned an international post-graduate diploma from Alma – one of Italy's most prestigious culinary schools.

He received further training at Locanda Della Tamerici – a Michelin star restaurant in Luni Mare, Liguria, Italy. In 2014 he and his wife moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake in search of new business ventures. In 2015, the pair received a nomination for Niagara's Young Entrepreneur of the Year award and notable mention in The New York Times for the establishment and success of The Norton Underground - a secret society of 'pop-up' style dinners held in unique locations around Niagara-on-the-Lake. In his most recent restaurant opening in 2018, Brushfire Smoke BBQ reached critical acclaim of CBC's food and travel writer Suresh Doss, producing some of the finest BBQ in the Niagara Region.





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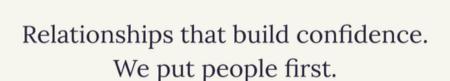
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Event



Show



Concert

Event









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