
FALLVIEW CASINO'S PASTRY CHEF REPRESENTS ONTARIO IN THE CULINARY OLYMPICS

(Niagara Falls, ON) October 17, 2016 – Fallsview Casino's Pastry Chef Pradeep Dharmawardane takes centre stage in a throw-down tournament of culinary champions when he heads to the 2016 *Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung (IKA) Culinary Olympics* in Erfurt, Germany.

From October 22 to October 25, 2,000 chefs from over 50 nations will compete for succulent victory in a high-level demonstration of culinary art and expertise at the *IKA Culinary Olympics*, which has become the Mecca for culinary professionals across the globe since its inauguration in 1900.

Award-winning Dharmawardane showcases the pinnacle of pastry excellence in this year's competition as he joins five esteemed chefs representing Ontario on the *Trillium Chefs Canada* team. Throughout the tournament, he will present one dessert with chocolate, one dessert with fruit and four types of custom designed petits fours. Each dish will be judged on presentation, innovation, composition, preparation and serving arrangement.

"It's an incredible honour to be chosen to represent Ontario and Fallsview Casino Resort. Our culinary team at Fallsview is my inspiration. We play off the creativity of each other to produce dishes that are truly memorable," said Pastry Chef Pradeep Dharmawardane.

Dharmawardane's love for cooking was cultivated at an early age through trial and error, drawing ingenuity from his travels across the globe. As a notable culinary artist in Sri Lanka, Dubai, Washington and the Bahamas, he joined the Fallsview team in 2007.

Bridging modern elements with time-honoured technique, Pastry Chef Dharmawardane's custom confections are featured exclusively at Fallsview's *CAA/AAA Four-Diamond Award-winning* restaurants, 21 Club Steak & Seafood and Ponte Vecchio.

About 21 Club Steak & Seafood

As the *CAA/AAA Four Diamond Award* winner for eleven years running, this two-level restaurant boasts soaring views of the Falls and has earned a reputation for offering one of the finest dining experiences in Niagara. The highest quality cuts of steak and the freshest seafood are complemented by the *Wine Spectator's* award-winning cellar and prepared by one of the best culinary teams in the business. It is open from Wednesday to Monday (closed Tuesdays) from 5pm to 11pm. 1-888-325-5788.

About Ponte Vecchio

Named after the iconic bridge over the Arno River in Florence, Italy, Fallsview Casino's six-time *CAA/AAA Four Diamond Award* winner Ponte Vecchio features traditional Italian cuisine, a *Wine Spectator's Best of Award of Excellence* wine cellar and world-class service – all surrounded by a unique décor that is a fusion of modern design and old-world charm. It is open for dinner from Tuesday to Saturday from 5pm to 11pm. 1-888-325-5788.

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