



## 13 INTERNATIONAL STAR CHEFS AT SOFITEL AMSTERDAM THE GRAND

**Amsterdam, 09 November 2009** – This weekend, Sofitel Amsterdam The Grand (Netherlands) hosted for the third consecutive year the gastronomic event *Stars, Food & Art* orchestrated by Lise Goeman Borgesius. With a total of 29 stars in the Michelin Guide, the 13 Chefs present for this festival worked together in the kitchen of the hotel's Chef, Aurélien Poirot, so each of them could share his "signature" dish with the guests during two gala evenings.

Hans Tuin, Sofitel Amsterdam The Grand's sommelier, had selected the best wines so the alchemy of taste would be perfect.

### Friday 6 November

- Frederic Anton, Le Pré Catelan (Paris, France) \*\*\*
- Philippe Etchebest, Hostellerie Plaisance (Saint Emilion, France) \*\*
- Emmanuel Renaut, Les Flocons de sel (Megève, France) \*\*
- Giovanni D'Amato, Il Rigoletto (Reggiolo, Italy) \*\*
- Patrick Jeffroy, Restaurant Patrick Jeffroy (Cantarec, France) \*\*
- Hans Välimäki, Restaurant Chez Dominique (Helsinki, Finland) \*\*

### Saturday 7 November

- Antoine Westermann, Le Buerehiesel (Strasbourg, France) \*\*\*
- Michel Portos, Le Saint James Bouliac (Bordeaux, France) \*\*
- Sergio Herman, Restaurant Oud-Sluis (Sluis, The Netherlands) \*\*\*
- Christian Sinicropi, Restaurant la Palme D'Or (Cannes, France) \*\*
- Mohammed Elharouchi, Solo (Gorinchem, The Netherlands) \*
- Patrick Gauthier, Restaurant La Madeleine (Sens, France) \*\*

The two Gala evenings managed to contribute a substantial portion of the profits to the Amsterdam Red Cross.



**The Grand *Carousel of Senses***

In addition to the two gala dinners, the first “*Grand Carousel of Senses*” was held from 12:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday 7 November. This interactive experience organized as part of the *Stars, Food & Art* event chef Jonnie Boer of restaurant De Librije (Zwolle, The Netherlands)\*\*\* gave guests an opportunity to discover five different *moods*: audacious, extravagant, serene, nostalgic and sensual, thereby demonstrating that gastronomy and emotion are intrinsically interrelated. His charming wife Thérèse Boer selected the best wines so the alchemy of taste would be perfect. All other chefs were able to freely share with the guests and members of the press present their interpretation of these five moods. The DJ Steef du Woodstock69 de Bloemendaal and the perfumes specialist, singer and actress Eva van Manen, lent their talents to put the finishing touches on this experience created around different moods.

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*Star Chefs at Sofitel Amsterdam The Grand for the Stars, Food & Art event.*

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