



STARS, FOOD & ART 2010

12 CHEFS & 24 MICHELIN STARS € 15,000 for the Amsterdam Red Cross

Amsterdam, 8 November 2010 - This past weekend, the fourth edition of the culinary event *Stars, Food & Art* was held in the hotel Sofitel Legend The Grand Amsterdam. Thanks to the efforts of culinary journalist and author Lise Goeman Borgesius Timmer, this event featured no fewer than 12 internationally renowned chefs with a combined total of 24 Michelin stars. During two gala evenings, each chef – working in the kitchen of chef Aurélien Poirot – prepared his own ‘signature dish’. One unique aspect was that although in most cases the chefs had never before met or had only a passing acquaintance, they worked together intensively during the event. This collaboration of culinary masters resulted in sensational taste experiences and sommelier Hans Tuin ensured that the creations were accompanied by complementary wines. A very substantial part of the price per person was donated to the ‘Together in Amsterdam’ project of the Netherlands Red Cross, Amsterdam.

Chefs on Friday, 5 November

- Thomas Bühner, La Vie (Osnabrück, Germany) **
- Andréas Mayer, Mayer’s (Zell am See, Austria) **
- Christophe Bacquié, Le Monte Cristo (Castellet, France) **
- Lucas Rive, Bokkendoorns (Bloemendaal, the Netherlands) **
- Erik van Loo, Parkheuvel (Rotterdam, the Netherlands) **
- Paul van de Bunt, De Leuf (Ubachsberg, the Netherlands)**

Chefs on Saturday, 6 November

- Arnoud Donckele, Résidence de la pinède (St. Tropez, France) **
- Philippe Gauvreau, Philippe Gauvreau (Lyon, France) **
- Giovanni D’Amato, Il Rigoletto (Reggiolo, Italy) **
- Jean Sulpice, L’ Oxalys (Val Thorens, France)**
- Moshik Ròth, Brouwerskolkje (Overveen, the Netherlands) **
- Mario Ridder, Zwethheul (Schipluiden, the Netherlands) **

Astrid Joosten provided the presentations on both evenings. In between the courses, Peter Santa and his string orchestra – which included two Stradivarius violins – bridged the arts of gastronomy and music. Following this, Gert van de Vijver applied his unique sand sculpture



talents to delight the guests with amazing compositions. Opera singer Moschi Franz concluded the culinary evening in a fitting manner with the Amsterdam folk song “Aan de Amsterdamse grachten” (On the Canals of Amsterdam).



Donation to the Amsterdam Red Cross

A substantial part of the proceeds from Stars, Food & Art is being donated to the Amsterdam Red Cross. Mayor of Amsterdam Eberhard van der Laan attended the event on Saturday 6 November in his capacity as the honorary chairman of the Amsterdam Red Cross to accept a cheque for a total of € 15,000. The Amsterdam Red Cross is delighted with this cooperation with Sofitel Legend The Grand Amsterdam and it intends to use the resulting financial support to expand various projects – combined under the heading ‘Together in Amsterdam’ – aimed at combating social isolation.

For more information: www.starsfoodart.com

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