

## Celebrity Chef to Judge Battle of the Hors D'oeuvres

**Windsor, ON (March 11, 2008)** – Canadian celebrity chef and cookbook author, Christine Cushing, will lead the critics' panel at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Battle of the Hors D'oeuvres on Friday, May 2, 2008. For the past two decades, local chefs have competed for the title of best hors d'oeuvre. This year's competition will be enhanced by an all-new "Critics' Choice Award" as well as the fan-favourite "People's Choice Award".

"We are incredibly excited to have Christine Cushing, one of Canada's most distinguished chefs, join us to help determine Windsor & Essex County's best hors d'oeuvre," says Mary Vincente, committee chair. "However, celebrities won't be the only judges; guests will be asked to vote for the People's Choice award. It will be interesting to see if guests have the same palate as our critics' panel."

Besides Christine Cushing, the critics' panel includes:

- **Ted Whipp**, food writer and blogger, Windsor Star
- **Mike Deibert**, editor of Ontario Restaurant News
- **Ahron Goldman**, president, Culinary Guild of Windsor
- **Pina Ciotoli**, food blogger, [www.windsoreats.com](http://www.windsoreats.com)
- **Danielle Piche**, food blogger, [www.maplesyrupandpoutine.blogspot.com](http://www.maplesyrupandpoutine.blogspot.com)
- **James Treadwell**, sommelier and owner, Treadwell Farm-to-Table Cuisine

Guests can mingle with all of the celebrity judges during the wine tasting and food sampling reception that kicks off the evening. After the reception, the food competition begins and guests will be treated to 10 hors d'oeuvre-style courses created by local chefs, a dessert extravaganza, a diamond raffle, a silent auction and the sounds of the Detroit Pistons' house band, the *Sun Messengers*.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Battle of the Hors D'oeuvres is a food competition fundraiser where all the proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex. The 2008 event would not be possible without generous sponsorship from Flood Chiropractic, Sutts, Strosberg, LLP, Unique Tool & Gauge, Valiant Machine, AM800, The A-Channel and The Windsor Star. Tickets are \$100 or \$900 for a table of ten. Tickets are available by phone at (519) 945-6232 ext. 13 or ticket order forms may be downloaded from [www.bigbrothersbigisterswe.ca](http://www.bigbrothersbigisterswe.ca), or by sending an email to [jill@bigbrothersbigisterswe.ca](mailto:jill@bigbrothersbigisterswe.ca)