



4th Annual

L'ARCHE CALGARY *Cake Walk*



Date: Sunday, March 14, 2009
Place: SAIT Heart Building, Calgary

L'Arche Calgary is a charitable organization that creates homes and community with adults with developmental disabilities. Pastry chefs and bakers in the Calgary area are invited to compete in the 4th Annual L'Arche Calgary Cake Walk, which raises funds for our organization and provides a public arena to display your artistic talents. This year's theme is "Celebrating Unity", highlighting a key aspect of L'Arche Calgary and the spirit of this year's partnership with the Pastry Chef Guild of Alberta and their Lindt Chocolate Competition.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- We have set up a new system for registering chefs in the competition. All competitors must sign up through www.pastrychefs.ca and pay a \$25 fee. The entry fee helps offset some of the costs of the event. Competitors must be at least 18 years of age.
- Space is limited to 32 teams (maximum 2 people per team). Entrants will be contacted by phone or email to confirm participation.
- Each entrant is responsible for their entry's costs and construction as well as transportation to and from the venue. Please note that there will be no washing up facilities available on site.
- Each cake will be used for event purposes only. They will not be consumed or distributed to any other party. Your cake is yours to enjoy following the competition.
- All entries must be set up by no later than 10:00am on the day of the event. Those entries that are not fully set-up at that time may be subject to disqualification or docked points. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
- No commercial messages are permitted on the entries.
- Competitors will be required to submit a written explanation of no more than 100 words explaining their interpretation of the theme "**Celebrating Unity**" prior to the event.
- Each entrant agrees to appoint a representative to attend the Awards Ceremony at the event.
- Each entrant agrees to be involved in media coverage in association with the event, where possible and appropriate. We will also require a brief biography, team photo, and logo (where applicable) for promotional purposes.
- Entrants agree to promote the event within their organization and with guests where possible and appropriate.

Deadline for registration is Friday, February 26, 2010.

COMPETITION DETAILS

The competition is open to all culinary professionals, bakers, Pastry Chefs, and advanced students. There will be a Professional Category and a Novice Category.

Work-of-Art Cake - Criteria

1. Cakes must interpret the theme “**Celebrating Unity.**”
2. Artificial pillars (i.e. doweling or separators) may be used for support but all other components must be edible. *Note: Wiring may be used for gumpaste flowers*
3. The full composition must be **at least three tiers** with a **minimum width of 14”**, a **minimum height of 24”**, a **maximum height of 48”** and a **maximum width of 24”**.
4. The full composition must fit on a base of **24” by 24”**.
5. A separate 6” sample tasting cake is required for judging purposes. *Note: The tasting cake must be the same composition as the display cake.*
6. Cake and decorations must be made specifically for the competition (i.e. not used in prior displays).

AWARDS

First and second place prizes will be awarded in each category. Our judging panel will assess your cake on:

- Level of difficulty
- Originality
- Quality of work and skill
- Overall taste
- Interpretation of the theme of “**Celebrating Unity**”

Please note that the judges may take samples of your display cake at their discretion.

L’Arche Calgary community members and the public will be invited to view the edible art on display and vote for their overall favourite. Computer voting stations throughout the venue will help tally the public’s votes!

Competitors are eligible for the following awards:

- **Judges’ Choice Award** – Our discerning group of judges will choose first & second place winners in the Professional & Novice categories.
- **People’s Choice Award** – The public’s favourite overall entry.
- **L’Arche Calgary Community Award** – Community members will choose the cake that speaks to them the most about celebrating unity.