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**Introducing: LUMINATO DINNER SERIES**  
**Inspired by the Artists of Luminato**

**Toronto's Finest Chefs Create a Feast for the Senses**

TORONTO, {April 28, 2008} – Toronto's finest chefs have created special artistic menus inspired by the vast spectrum of talent and creativity about to unfold in the city this June at Luminato - Toronto Festival of Arts & Creativity, June 6 – 15, 2008.

As the festival adds the realm of culinary arts to its burgeoning multidisciplinary roster, world-class chefs David Lee, Claudio Aprile, Mark McEwan, Guy Rubino, Chris McDonald, Laurie Bandur, and Guido Saldini will create special festival menus inspired by Luminato programming.

The chefs have each chosen a specific Luminato production to create a menu that reflects the themes explored in the program. Luminato Dinner Series is produced by Daniels/Stephenson with restaurateur Michael Rubino.

“We urge participants to see, hear, feel, move, share, and go to all that is Luminato. And now, with thanks to this stellar group of world-renowned chefs and restaurants, we are able to encourage our audiences to ‘taste’ the festival. As the curtain rises on our stages, streets and public spaces this June, Torontonians will have the opportunity to taste the festival as the creativity of these outstanding culinary artists makes its mark on the events and themes presented in Luminato 2008” said Janice Price, CEO of Luminato.

**The Luminato Dinner Series features:**

**SPLENDIDO (David Lee)**

Saturday, June 7

Mark Morris Dance Group's *Mozart Dances*, MacMillan Theatre

Showtime: 8pm

Dinner: 5pm + 10pm

Inspired by the timeless music of Mozart, *Mozart Dances* features 16 dancers performing against the bold backdrops of British artist Howard Hodgkins and accompanied live by members of the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra. *The New York Times* hailed the piece “a masterpiece...one of Mr. Morris’s greatest achievements.”

**For dinner reservations, call 416.929.7788**

### **NOCE (Guido Saldini)**

Sunday, June 8

*Where the Blood Mixes*, Factory Theatre

Showtime: 7pm

Dinner: 5pm + 10pm

The world premiere of 2005 Vancouver Arts Award Winner, Kevin Loring’s modern play about survival and reconciliation. Both mythic and modern, it is the intimate story of a First Nations man and his daughter spanning two decades.

**For dinner reservations, call 416.504.3463**

### **COLBORNE LANE (Claudio Aprile)**

Monday, June 9

*The Canadian Songbook*, Massey Hall

Showtime: 7:30pm

Dinner: 5:30pm + 10pm

A new generation of musicians pay homage to this country’s greatest songwriters. Festival artists and special guests perform the classic works of songwriters such as Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen.

**For dinner reservations, call 416.368.9009**

### **BYMARK (Mark McEwan)**

Tuesday, June 10

*The End of Cinematics*, Bluma Appel Theatre

Showtime: 7:30pm

Dinner: 4:30pm until closing

Pioneering composer and performer Mikel Rouse presents his innovative multi-media opera trilogy, featured for the first time ever in repertory. 15 years in the making, the finale is *The End of Cinematics*, a hyper-real 3-D movie live on stage.

**For dinner reservations, call 416.777.1144**

**ONE (Mark McEwan)**  
**TRUFFLES (Laurie Bandur)**

Wednesday, June 11  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Canon Theatre  
Showtime: 8pm  
ONE Dinner: 4:30pm until closing  
TRUFFLES Dinner: 5:30pm

An internationally acclaimed South Asian production of the classic Shakespearean play as never seen before, featuring 23 dancers, street acrobats, martial arts experts, musicians, actors and performers from across India and Sri Lanka.

**For dinner reservations at ONE, call 416.961.9600**  
**For dinner reservations at TRUFFLES, call 416.964.0411**

**TRUFFLES (Laurie Bandur)**

Thursday, June 12  
*Nunavut*: Kronos Quartet with special guest, Tanya Tagaq, Isabel Bader Theatre  
Showtime: 8pm  
Dinner: 5:30pm

Featuring a groundbreaking collaboration between Grammy-winning Kronos Quartet and Inuit throat singer Tanya Tagaq, the program was created as a means of exploring the clarity, directness and unique relationships of music from the Far North.

Also featured will be works by Canadian, Icelandic, Finnish, and Norwegian musicians and composers.

**For dinner reservations, call 416.964.0411**

**RAIN (Guy Rubino)**  
**CAVA (Chris McDonald)**

Friday, June 13  
*The Fiddle and The Drum*, Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts  
Showtime: 7:30pm  
Dinner: 5pm + 11pm

A collaboration between Joni Mitchell and Alberta Ballet Artistic Director Jean Grand-Maitre, this ballet features 25 dancers, 12 songs and projections of Mitchell's striking paintings. It will be presented with two pieces from the National Ballet of Canada: *Etudes* and *the second detail*.

**For dinner reservations at RAIN, call 416.599.7246**

**For dinner reservations at CAVA, call 416.979.9918**

## **CAVA (Chris McDonald)**

Saturday, June 14

*Homeland*, The Music Hall

Showtime: 9pm

Dinner: 6pm

Poetry, Music and Politics meet in *Homeland*, a series of songs and stories that paint a portrait of contemporary American culture. A new project from acclaimed American multi-media performance artist Laurie Anderson, *Homeland* is a *tour de force* of spoken word and music.

**For dinner reservations, call 416.979.9918**

The Luminato Dinner Series is by reservation only. Reservations may be made by contacting the restaurants directly. Menus can be viewed at [www.luminato.com](http://www.luminato.com)

The Luminato Dinner Series is presented by *Toronto Life*.

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### ABOUT LUMINATO

For 10 extraordinary days in June, the vibrant city of Toronto's stages, streets and public spaces are illuminated with arts and creativity. Luminato is an annual multidisciplinary celebration of theatre, dance, classical and contemporary music, film, literature, visual arts, design and more. **Luminato 2008 is June 6-15.**

For more information on both free and ticketed Luminato events, including dates, locations and schedules, visit [www.luminato.com](http://www.luminato.com). Tickets are available through all Ticketmaster outlets (call 416-872-1111 or visit [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)).

The Festival's first donors, called Founding Luminaries, were vital to the visioning and success of the inaugural Festival and establishing a world-class annual celebration of arts, culture and creativity. The Festival's Luminaries ensure Luminato continues to present Canadian and World premieres, innovative new work and unexpected collaborations that result in memorable moments of artistic excellence.

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