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TORONTO, December 10, 2020 - On November 25th the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario Canada (ICCO Canada) presented the 8th edition of ICCO Canada Pentola d'Oro – Under The Stars, that took place in a unique online version. This year the event was part of the True Italian Taste program, which focuses on the promotion of authentic Italian products and is funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. This year our main focus were the authentic Italian food and ingredients, combined with Canadian products and excellence.

The evening was a celebration of six outstanding business companies and individuals and featured a True Italian Taste menu presented exclusively for us by Michelin-star Chef Cristina Bowerman, who connected live from Italy during the event.

We were privileged to celebrate the following award recipient's life accomplishments: Pentola d'Oro Award – sponsored by Jan K. Overweel Gabriele Torchetti – President of Lady York Foods

Italy-Canada Award – sponsored by Fortinos Chef Massimo Capra – Owner of Capra's Kitchen

Lifetime Achievement Award – sponsored by Metro Joe Pulla – President of Johnvince Group of Companies

Innovative Entrepreneur Award – sponsored by Pizza Nova Salvatore Mele – Principal of Mele Group











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Italian Wine Award – sponsored by Inter-Transport Ltd. Halpern Enterprises

Special ICCO Canada recognition plaque
Anna Erba, Giacomo Erba, Andrea Copreni – Owners of Stelvio and Buono Restaurants

Michelle Jobin, producer and TV personality, was the MC of the evening and she accompanied us throughout the event by introducing each Award and its recipient. During the event, Michelin-star Chef Cristina Bowerman - connected live from Italy – presented her menu that incorporated Italian regional traditions with local Canadian excellence and products. Some of the certified Italian products used in this menu are **Aceto Balsamico di Modena**, **DOP Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Pecorino Toscano and DOP San Marzano Tomatoes**. Attendees were able to experience and taste this exclusive dinner, from the comfort of their homes. Thanks to ICCO Canada and Eataly Toronto, an exclusive dinner was put together at a special price to be ordered and enjoyed by attendees while celebrating the award winners. The kit was prepared by Eataly Toronto's Executive Chef Rob Wing, Chef Mattia Pagliara of La Scuola di Eataly and in collaboration with food consultant Chef Roberto Fracchioni. Chef Cristina's exclusive menu revealed "The Future, Present and Past of Authentic Italian Cuisine":

Future: Eggplant cube with pomegranate molasses

The ingredients of this vegetarian steak, prepared with coconut milk, green curry and peanuts, represent a mix of cultures that come together on a plate with unexpected flavours.

Present: Ravioli del Plin stuffed with Amatriciana sauce

These ravioli, typically made in Piedmont, are stuffed with Lazio's traditional sauce: Amatriciana. Past and present merge in traditional shape and new content: small little bites of joy that recall childhood memories.

Past: Sous vide beef tenderloin with foie gras torchon with chocolate demi-glace

There's nothing that serves as a more luxurious, rich, and velvety reminder of classical, regal, élitaire cuisine than this filet. The lengthy process involved in creating the demiglace and the foie gras torchon are both testimony of a different time period, lifestyle and social approach to food that did not focus on the nutritional and eco-sustainable issues that are paramount nowadays.











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The event was followed widely and saw the participation of 33 media and influencers, numerous key industry representatives, as well as the general public. The participating media and influencers received a complimentary dinner kit delivered prior to the classes, containing Chef Cristina's menu, and they were able to share the details about each dish, the menu, the Award winners and the event through their own social media channels and blogs.







