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Bocuse D'Or Canada commissions Western artwork in support of competition, the original piece will be unveiled on April 30th at the Royal York Hotel

Calgary, AB – Bocuse D'Or Canada is pleased to announce that distinguished Western Canadian artist Paul van Ginkel has been commissioned to produce an original painting in support of the 2009 Bocuse d'Or culinary competition in Lyon, France.

“This piece should depict the genesis and history of cooking in Canada,” remarked Bocuse D'Or Canada Chef de Mission Vincent Parkinson. “Western Canada’s heritage offers a perspective that very few countries can bring to the competition. Once a Western theme was selected, it was natural for us to approach one of Canada’s most respected and accomplished western artists. We are honoured that Paul has agreed to lend his considerable talent to our effort.” The painting, currently in development, is of a camp chuck wagon scene.

The painting will be reproduced in poster form for distribution during the competition, and will be one of 26 national posters judged by a team of international judges in the poster and marketing categories. The original artwork will be sold at auction and funds raised will help underwrite expenses for the 2009 Bocuse d'Or Canada competition.

Bocuse d'Or is the world's leading culinary competition for individual chefs and has been held every two years in Lyon, France, since 1987. Bocuse d'Or Canada, endorsed by the Canadian Culinary Foundation, is the volunteer organization responsible for the selection, training and support of Canadian entrants. For more information, visit www.bocusedorcanada.ca

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