

## Fact Sheet – 2006 Bacchanalia Gala Dinner and Auction

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- Snapshot** Bacchanalia Gala Dinner and Auction is Canada's biggest auction of rare and extraordinary wines. A rare **five-litre bottle of Château Mouton Rothschild 2000, valued at \$7,600** from Baron Philippe de Rothschild tops the list of rare, etched and/or large-format five-, six- and nine-litre bottles on auction. There are a record 50 large-format wines available. Also up for bids are in-home gourmet experiences, restaurant dinners, travel packages, winery tours and other wine- and food-oriented delights. The evening begins with a Champagne reception and the auction takes place during a five-course gourmet meal exclusively created to pair with two wines per course. Bacchanalia Gala is the crown jewel of the 28<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival (February 27-March 5), a major fundraiser for the Playhouse Theatre Company. The 2005 gala auction raised \$230,000 net for the Playhouse.
- Date/place** March 1, 5:45 p.m. at The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
- Tickets** **(Note: Bacchanalia Gala is sold out!)**  
On or before January 31 - \$250 per person, or tables of eight for \$2,000  
From February 1 - \$275 per person, or tables of eight for \$2,200  
For information: 604-872-6622 x 246; [gala@playhousewinefest.com](mailto:gala@playhousewinefest.com). To order: 604-873-3311  
Watch for more details at [www.playhousewinefest.com](http://www.playhousewinefest.com)
- Emcees** **Coleen Christie**, CTV News at 5 anchor, and **Bill Richardson**, radio personality and author
- Auction** The auction has three components: (1) Four silent auction stations that close at staggered times throughout the evening, including a One Bid auction. (2) A wine cellar silent auction which features two staggered groups of lots; the items are unusual and rare bottles of wine or collections provided by wineries and individual donors. (3) A live auction, after dinner, led by Barry Scott of Maynards Industries, featuring exquisite wines, dinners, trips and experiences revolving around wine and food
- Other auction items** Celebrated local restaurants are donating superb dinners to the auction, including Bearfoot Bistro (dinner for 10); C Restaurant (for 10); Diva at the Met (for 8); Elixir (for 10); The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver; and Le Crocodile (for eight).
- Raffle** One trip for two including airfare from Vancouver to the newly renovated **Club Med Buccaneer's Creek** on the island of **Martinique, French Antilles** for the Bacchanalia Auction (Approximate value \$10,000)
- Menu/Wines** The gourmet five-course dinner is created by The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver's executive chef Robert LeCrom. The Champagne reception features La Belle Epoque and Grand Brut from **Perrier Jouët** of France. Dinner wines come from wineries around the world including **Umani Ronchi**, Italy; **Vina Casablanca**, Chile; **Burrowing Owl Estate Winery**, BC; **Howard Park Wines**, Australia; **La Crema**, California; **Mommessin**, France; **Brotte Père Anselme**, France; **Peter Lehmann**, Australia; and **Ferreira** from Portugal

**Committee**    **The gala is co-chaired by Nancy Burke and Barbara Inglis.** Larry Burr is chair of the wine committee which includes Alastair Carruthers, Joe Chaput, Sid Cross, Joan Cross, Deborah Markle, Jim Robertson, Dave Spurrell, Rick Underwood and Gordon Wilcox. The epicurean committee is chaired by Nanette Der and includes Katrina Carroll-Foster, Cindy Evetts, Nathan Fong, Denise Meade, Ingrid Taylor and Joyce Yurik. Other gala committee members are Sue Adams (Playhouse Winefest chair), Dawn Brennan (Playhouse Theatre Company general manager), Harry Hertscheg (Playhouse Winefest director) and Tony Ryan (Playhouse board)

**Sponsors**    Festival presenting sponsor: Chubb Insurance Company of Canada  
Gala Live Auction sponsor: Goldcorp Inc.  
Gala Wine Cellar sponsor: Union Securities  
Gala Theme Set sponsor: Canaccord Capital Corporation  
Gala Theme Set sponsor: Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Gala Theme Set sponsor: Vancouver Wine Vault

**Fundraising**    All proceeds of the Playhouse Winefest (February 27-March 5) go to the Playhouse Theatre Company, the Western Canada's premier theatre company.

- 2005 festival raised \$368,000 net for the theatre
- Of the 2005 festival net, the gala auction raised \$230,000
- Since inception in 1979, the festival has raised \$4.7 million net for the Playhouse

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