

PRESS RELEASE**For Immediate Release****June 8, 2011****Richmond Hospital Foundation
Early Midsummer Night's Dream!**

Richmond, BC - On Saturday, June 4, Richmond Centre's galleria was transformed into an "Early Midsummer Night's Dream". The **4th Annual Cork, Canvas & Cuisine** wowed guests with the luscious greenscapes, stylish fashion models, dazzling entertainment, beautiful artwork, exquisite wines and fabulous food.

In just an hour after Richmond Centre's closing, the evening's décor had overgrown the space to create a unique atmosphere with hanging vines, spiralling trees and beautiful plants. This landscape was accompanied by airbrushed models and acrobats who would perform to the crowd's request and delight. Over 350 guests enjoyed the evening's selection of fine wines and food as they were out in support of the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Guests savoured the cheese popsicles from Harold's Bistro, crab cakes from The Boathouse Restaurant and the Iberian ham being sliced off the jamonero. Richmond's PriceSmart foods partnered with Matthew McNair's Teaching Kitchen to provide a wide assortment of fruit and cheese platters, and other vendors carefully paired their hors d'oeuvres for the evening to accentuate the tastes of the 100 wines being poured.

Local artists including Jeanette Jarville and Jodie Blaney, just to name a few, were at the event to display their arts and mingle with the guests. They donated 50% of their sales to the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

"Richmond Centre was thrilled to be the presenting sponsor for the event. All of the funds raised during the evening will be donated to the Richmond Hospital Foundation and ultimately put back directly into the local community." claims Leslie Matheson, Marketing Director, Richmond Centre.

"We'd like to thank all the individuals and organizations that helped to put on this fantastic event: the sponsors, artists, vendors and volunteers did an amazing job coming together in support of the Foundation." said Bill Jaffe, Chair, Richmond Hospital Foundation, "All of these efforts help to save lives and help fund critically needed equipment for our operating rooms".

The evening concluded with Jesslyn Hodge winning the evening's door prize – two tickets to anywhere WestJet flies.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors: Richmond Centre, Maple Freight Partnership, Maurice White-RBC Philips Hager & North Investment Counsel, Am-Pri Construction Ltd., Dorset Realty Group Of Canada Ltd., and the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel.

Richmond Hospital Foundation is a registered charity that is committed to raising money to fill the gap between government funding and the greater needs of our hospital. Last year, 85% of the newly purchased medical equipment for the Richmond Hospital was funded by the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

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