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Sky Bistro at the Banff Gondola Victorious at Cochon555 Banff

-Chef Scott Hergott takes first place in prestigious culinary competition-

BANFF, ALBERTA – (April 9, 2019) – Sky Bistro Executive Chef Scott Hergott took top honours at Cochon555 Banff. A panel of 14 culinary experts along with the event attendee popular vote crowned Executive Chef Scott Hergott of the Sky Bistro and his culinary team victorious.

The nine-city North American tour, dedicated to supporting family farmers and highlighting the agricultural importance of sourcing heritage breed pigs, featured an all-star cast of chefs who specialize in whole animal cooking. Showcasing innovative culinary creations, each of the five competing chefs received a 200-pound sustainably sourced pig to create a maximum of six dishes for competition, and were scored on utilization, technique and overall flavour.

Chef Hergott's winning six-course menu combined Alberta-based Bear and the Flower Farms free-range pork with flavours influenced by Banff's global guests.

"There is a distinct culinary scene here in Banff that is elevated by the quality of the local ingredients that we work with. At Sky Bistro, we are thrilled to collaborate with farmers like Christopher and Jessica Fasoli of Bear and the Flower Farms, who are leading the way in producing quality pork through ethical farming practices," said Hergott.

"From Banff to Jasper we have an impressive roster of talent at Pursuit who are influencing the region's growing culinary scene. Cochon555 Banff has brought together some amazing chefs and farmers from across the province and today we congratulate Chef Scott and his team for their outstanding win," said Dave McKenna, President, Banff Jasper Collection by Pursuit."

Cochon555 Banff is the only Canadian stop on the tour that goes through Dallas, New York, Miami, Los Angeles, and more. The Sky Bistro culinary team, led by Hergott, will compete in the grand Cochon Chicago on September 15, the epic finale to the multi-city culinary competition.

Sky Bistro at the Banff Gondola

Perched on the summit of Banff's Sulphur Mountain, Sky Bistro is the dining sanctuary in the sky. Pairing the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains with a distinctly Canadian menu that features the unique flavours of Canada through a handpicked selection of regionally sourced local meats, produce and ingredients. For more information on the Sky Bistro at the Banff Gondola, visit banffgondola.com

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