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CHEF SUSUR LEE AT LE POIS PENCHÉ For the benefit of Charles-Bruneau Foundation

MONTREAL, August 18, 2018 – This Thursday, August 23rd 2018, for one evening only, Le Pois Penché will welcome legendary chef, Susur Lee, to re-imagine its Parisian brasserie concept with a multi-course banquet of dishes to share, showcasing Chinese, Southeast Asian, Japanese, and other personal influences. The event, appropriately entitled Susur Lee | Full Circle and presented in association with CIBC and Hector Larivée, will be a collaboration with Le Pois Penché's team and chef Josserand Valiquette. The menu will draw inspiration from chef Lee's humble beginnings as a 16-year-old apprentice at the prestigious Hong Kong Peninsula hotel to his global rise as a pioneer of a culinary aesthetic that balances the traditions of Asia with the classical techniques of French cuisine.

Recognized by Food & Wine magazine as one of the "10 Chefs of Millennium", chef Lee will make his first Montreal restaurant appearance for the benefit of the Charles-Bruneau Foundation and its vision of a future where all children with cancer enjoy a full recovery and renewed health.

"Our team is extremely excited and grateful for this opportunity to host chef Lee, who has been a culinary hero to many Canadian and international chefs for almost three decades. We are going to have a lot of fun with our brasserie concept and support a cause dear to our hearts," stated Imad Nabwani, owner of Le Pois Penché. "There has been an intertwining influence between French, Chinese, and Southeast Asian cuisines, particularly in Shanghai and Vietnam, and no one has explored this intersection better than chef Lee."

Chef Lee currently helms four restaurants in Toronto — Lee, Luckee, Lee Kitchen and Kid Lee — and the prestigious TungLok Heen, in Singapore's Hotel Michael. He is a judge on Food Network Canada's Chopped and recently joined the stellar three-judge panel on Lifetime's new series, MasterChef Asia. He is only one of two Canadian chefs to break into the top-50 of the World's Best Restaurants and the recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award by Canada's Best 100 Restaurants.

Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Charles-Bruneau Foundation, the largest funder of pediatric hematology oncology research in Quebec. Established in 1990 by a group of parents and friends of children with cancer, the philanthropic organization has invested \$15 million in research and \$40 million in the construction, procurement, and development of a Cancer Centre and three Charles-Bruneau hospital units in Quebec. Over the next five years, an additional \$ 22 million will be invested in the Unité de recherche en hémato-oncologie pédiatrique Charles-Bruneau at CHU Sainte-Justine, and \$ 4 million more will be donated to the Montreal Children's Hospital. Today, all children with cancer in the province are treated at a Charles-Bruneau unit and benefit from medical developments that have increased the chances of recovery from 30% in 1980 to 80% in 2018. Nevertheless, cancer remains the leading cause of death due to illness among children aged 0 to 18. The Fondation Charles-Bruneau is determined to cure every single child and to eliminate or diminish significantly long-term side effects in adulthood.

“Our recent commitments are ambitious, but we are confident that we can count on the public to reach our objectives,” stated Pierre Bruneau, spokesperson for the Charles-Bruneau Foundation. “By hosting this event for the benefit of our cause, Le Pois Penché and its partners, CIBC and Hector Larivée, are a shining example of public commitment. We would like to extend to them our sincere gratitude for supporting research and improving the daily lives of children with cancer.”

Tickets for **Susur Lee | Full Circle** at Le Pois Penché are \$350 per guest and include wine pairings, taxes, and service. Service starts at 7 p.m. For reservations of tables of 2 or more guests, please, contact Vanessa at 514-907-0716.

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About the Charles-Bruneau Foundation

On May 18, 2017 the Charles-Bruneau Foundation pledged to invest \$22 million in research. Two objectives will serve to guide researchers: finding a cure for the 20% of children whose cancer is resistant to treatment, and improving the quality of life of children in remission so that they can enjoy a true recovery.

Over the past 28 years, the sum of \$15 million has been invested in research, and an additional \$40 million has gone toward the construction, procurement and development of a Cancer Centre, a research center and three Charles-Bruneau units in Québec.

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