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TORONTO, ONTARIO – The Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers, Ontario Chapter (CAPS Ontario) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2010 Best Ontario Sommelier Competition. The qualifying round took place in Toronto on Monday, June 7th,

This competition takes place every two years, and the winner is eligible to compete for the Best Canadian Sommelier Competition. The winner of the Best Canadian Sommelier competition is eligible to represent Canada at the World's Best Sommelier competition, held every three years.

The four finalists are the following in alphabetical order:

Jonathan Gonsenhauser - Air Canada Centre/Toronto, Ontario

Richard Healey - 9 Church - Wine Bar/Toronto, Ontario

Will Predhomme - Canoe Restaurant/Toronto, Ontario

Steve Robinson - Atelier Restaurant/Ottawa, Ontario

The final competition will allow the above candidates to show off their skills in a written examination covering every aspect of their profession followed by a service examination which will test their abilities to serve, decant, make food and wine matching recommendations, taste, recognize wines and spirits as well as their comportment and professionalism.

Tickets for the gala dinner immediately following the competition at George Restaurant on June 28th are \$155 per person and are now available by contacting Mary Jane Baxter at mbaxter@mapleleafsports.com or Jimson Bienenstock at jb@georgeonqueen.com. All are welcome to attend the live final exam beginning at 12:30 at the Georgian Room at Verity, 111 Queen Street East, Toronto.

For more information on how to participate, sponsor or attend, please visit our website: www.capsontario.ca or contact us at (416) 815 8555

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