



## “CHEFS FOR THE PIER”

### Tasting Menu September 12 Raising Funds to Re-Build White Rock Pier

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**White Rock, BC:** Award-winning chef and restaurateur Vikram Vij and Top Chef Canada winner Matthew Stowe are pulling together a team of local chefs on the Semiahmoo Peninsula to produce “**Chefs for the Pier**”, a unique chef’s tasting menu evening on Thursday, September 12th that will raise funds to help re-build the iconic White Rock Pier.

The 300-person event at Oceana PARC in White Rock is part of the **Friends of the Pier** fundraising campaign with \$300 tickets going on sale today, July 11, at [www.friendsofthepier.com](http://www.friendsofthepier.com).

“For our team of chefs, it’s one way we can connect our community, enjoy some amazing food and help raise funds to re-build our pier,” said Vij, owner of My Shanti at Morgan Crossing. “Every one of the chefs who are donating their time to this special evening will feature a signature dish that’s bound to impress, and I can guarantee no one will go home hungry.”

Chef Shaughn Halls of Oceana PARC said Chefs for the Pier is also a terrific way to showcase the products and pride of local farmers and wineries.

“We have some incredible farmers and suppliers right here in this part of the Lower Mainland, so creating a series of small plates that gives our guests a taste of what’s grown in our own backyard is something every chef enjoys doing,” added Halls. “Great food for a great cause is always a terrific combination, so Chefs for the Pier will be a very special evening.”

Chief Harley Chappell of the Semiahmoo First Nation will also be a part of the fundraising evening.

“In every culture, ours included, food is about much more than eating,” said Chief Chappell. “An evening like Chefs for the Pier is all about bringing the community together and I’m looking forward to being part of this important event for our community and region.”

The list of chefs and restaurants participating in Chefs for the Pier includes:

- Chef Vikram Vij, My Shanti
- Chef Matthew Stowe, Joey Restaurant Group
- Chief Harley Chappell, Semiahmoo First Nation
- Chef Shaughn Halls, Oceana PARC
- Chef Jan Wait, Jan’s on the Beach
- Chef Kayla Dhaliwal, Glass House Estate Winery

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- Chef Jennie Silk, Uli's Restaurant
- Chef Josiah Tam, Barrique Kitchen & Wine Bar
- Chef Brian Cho, Sapporo Kitchen
- Chef Soo Min Lee, Sapporo Kitchen
- Chef Joel Villanueva, Primo's Mexican Grill
- Chef Christophe Bonzon, Chez Christophe

"Chefs for the Pier will feature some of the incredible chefs living and working in our community. Many Chamber members are also coming to the table as generous in-kind partners to help make the evening possible," explained Ritu Khanna of the South Surrey and White Rock Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Friends of the Pier Fundraising Committee. "For instance, the event is being held in the dining facilities of Oceana PARC, a brand new luxury retirement building, before their guests move in. Save-On-Foods has stepped up to supply all the ingredients and wine for our chefs. The local support we've received from businesses and individuals only reinforces how much the community is getting behind the re-building of the pier. All of us at Friends of the Pier are so appreciative of our participating chefs, restaurants and other businesses. It definitely has the all the makings of a wonderful evening."

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