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### **Tickets on sale for second annual Legacy Gala as Olympians support young athletes**

CALGARY, Alta. – WinSport, in partnership with the Canadian Sport Institute and the Olympic Oval, is excited to officially launch ticket sales for the 2014 WinSport Legacy Gala, which takes place on Sept. 25, 2014, at WinSport's Markin MacPhail Centre.

Remember the iconic 1980's movie *The Breakfast Club*? Well, get ready for the "Legacy Club" by joining local Olympians on a trip back to the 80's for a most memorable evening of fantastic food from Calgary's top chefs and an epic concert of six iconic 80's bands.

The second annual Legacy Gala, with dozens of Olympians lending their support, is a celebration of winter sport, with a focus on helping to fund programs and bursaries for young athletes who train at the Winter Sport Institute in Calgary, WinSport Canmore and the Olympic Oval. These athletes aspire to be the next generation of Canadian top tier athletes. Not one dollar is used for operation or administration, with 100% of the proceeds directly benefitting aspiring Calgary/Alberta based athletes.

"Last year's inaugural Gala was a tremendous success," said WinSport President and CEO Barry Heck. "But as with anything we do at WinSport, we continue to raise the bar, and the second Gala will be bigger and better than last year. This is a special opportunity to meet some Canadian Olympic greats, while supporting the hopes and dreams of our next generation of Canada's top winter athletes."

The event features three levels of tickets, which are available at [www.winsport.ca](http://www.winsport.ca), including: VIP reception and concert floor access (all food and drinks included) for \$250; concert floor access (all drinks included) for \$100 and concert only (seated) for \$50.

"We recognize that there is a critical gap in funding at the development level, especially in our province. We must be better at supporting the journey of promising young Albertans on their way to the podium," said Canadian Sport Institute President and CEO Dale Henwood. "The funds raised through the Legacy Gala will help diminish the gap and ensure that Alberta remains a national leader in sport – because the greater victory behind winning an Olympic or Paralympic medal lies with those special moments that ultimately inspire our youth, and all Albertans, to live healthier and more active lives."

More than 50 Canadian athletes have confirmed their participation in the event, including our own *Breakfast Club* cast of two-time Olympic speed skating champion Catriona Le May Doan (the princess), Olympic bobsledder Justin Kripps (the criminal), Olympic speed skater Gilmore Junio (the nerd), five-time Olympic women's hockey player Hayley Wickenheiser (the basket case) and figure skating gold medalist David Pelletier (the athlete).

"This will be an unforgettable evening, combining the best in food and sport with the exciting 80's theme," said Le May Doan. "As a two-time Olympic speed skater and three-time Olympic medallist, I understand what it takes to become a world-class athlete. It's important for all of us to help the next generation of Canadian athletes reach their goals and be the best they can be."

The Lost 80's Live concert, which will take place at Arena A at WinSport's Markin MacPhail Centre, features memorable 80's bands and their timeless classic hits, including Wang Chung (Everybody Have Fun Tonight), Naked Eyes (Always Something There to Remind Me), Men Without Hats (Safety Dance), Animotion (Obsession), Berlin (Take My Breath Away – Top Gun soundtrack) and Trans-X (Living on Video).

WinSport executive chef Ronnie Gillman will be joined by a dozen more of Calgary's top chefs to provide a culinary journey through an awesome era. The star-studded chef list includes Gary Hennessy (Smugglers Group), Cam Dobranski (Winebar & Brasserie), Wanda Ly (WinSport), Nicole Gomes (Nicole Gourmet), Liana Robberecht (Calgary Petroleum Club), Michele Aurigemma (Q Haute), Duncan Ly (Hotel Arts), Brian Diamond (Il Sogno), Jan Hansen (Heritage Park), Kyle Groves (Catch), Rogelio Herrera (Candela) and Andrea Harling (Brava Bistro).

**Media note: For interviews with Le May Doan (co-chair of the Gala), Kripps, Junio, Wickenheiser or Pelletier, please contact Dale Oviatt or Annie Gagnon.**

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### **About WinSport**

*The Winter Sport Institute provides world-class sport facilities where Canadian athletes can discover, develop and excel. WinSport owns and operates Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alta., the Bill Warren Training Centre located at the Canmore Nordic Centre and the Beckie Scott High Performance Training Centre on Haig Glacier, Alta. A not-for-profit organization, WinSport supports national sport organizations, encourages educational opportunities and subsidizes the operation of unique training and recreational facilities used by the nation's top athletes and the general public. For more information on WinSport please visit [www.winsport.ca](http://www.winsport.ca).*

### **About the Canadian Sport Institute**

*The Canadian Sport Institute provides world-leading Olympic and Paralympic training environments to elite athletes and coaches across Alberta. With the support of our partners, our team of experts delivers sport science and medicine, coaching and life services to power podium performances and help Canada win more medals.*

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