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Australia's master chefs delight the senses and indulge the appetite whilst raising funds for a worthy cause at the 2011 Variety of Chefs Ball

Variety the children's charity is proud to present its **2011 Variety of Chefs Ball**, a black-tie gala event held at **The Hilton Hotel's Grand Ballroom** on **Saturday 21st May** from 6.30pm, showcasing the talents and creations of Australia's master chefs whilst raising much-needed funds for sick and disadvantaged children.

Eight of Australia's top chefs will delight the senses, preparing a sumptuous three-course menu before the eyes. Generously donating their time and sharing their culinary secrets are Alastair McLeod of Tank, Matt Moran of Aria, David Pugh of Restaurant II, Ben Williamson of Cha Cha Char, Russell Armstrong of Seasalt, Ian Curley of The European, Shinichi Maeda of Sake and Kym Machin of Urbane. With live on-stage discussions regarding their personally tailored dish, guests will be enthralled by the talent and wit of each Variety Chef!



Iconic Australian chef, Matt Moran said the Variety of Chef's Ball is a privilege to be involved with.

"It is wonderful to share my passion for food, whilst supporting a great cause that benefits kids with special needs throughout Queensland," he said.



The 2011 Variety of Chefs Ball will be hosted by Network Ten's Amanda McLeay and Peter Marchant from Sommeliers Australia. This star-studded evening will also feature a very special guest, Variety Queensland's patron Michael Caton.

All proceeds raised will go towards empowering Queensland's sick or disadvantaged children to live, laugh and learn. As playtime is a fundamental aspect of every child's growth and development, funds raised from the 2011 Variety of Chefs Ball will enable the Wilsonton State School Special Education Program to build a desperately needed playground, with custom-built features to suit the needs of its students. Each year, Variety the children's charity positively affects the lives of over 55 000 children in Queensland.

Variety Queensland CEO Les Riley said the Variety of Chefs Ball is a hallmark in the charity's events calendar.

"The Ball is a fantastic way for people to enjoy the best of Australia's culinary expertise, in an elegant and social environment, whilst directly assisting sick and disadvantaged children," he said.

Single tickets to the 2011 Variety of Chefs Ball cost \$225, or \$2,000 for a table of ten which includes the sumptuous three-course meal prepared by top chefs, premium beverages, live music and entertainment. Platinum tickets can also be purchased at \$4,000 for a table of ten, which includes premium seating, an exclusive gift for each guest, a VIP cocktail event and a personal meet and greet with Australia's master chefs! To make a booking visit www.varietyofchefs.com.au or phone 07 3907 9306.

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