



Darryl Weinbren wins inaugural SIP Award

Vancouver, BC (March 4, 2006) – The Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival is pleased to announce that **Darryl Weinbren**, a partner at **Authentic Wine & Spirits Merchants** and a co-founder of the Playhouse Winefest, has won the inaugural **Spirited Industry Professional Award**.

The SIP Award recognizes a wine industry professional who has made a significant contribution to the sales, service or promotion of wine in BC. The award is a joint presentation of the festival and the B.C. Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

The award was presented Thursday at the Wines of France-sponsored "Partners in Wine: A Lunch with Alsace and Rhône," one of 52 events at the 28th annual Playhouse Winefest. The seven-day festival wraps on Sunday.

The Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival is a fundraiser for the **Playhouse Theatre Company** and is sponsored by **Chubb Insurance Company of Canada**.

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