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A Precious Cause
Opus Hotel Vancouver prepares to host Au=Precious Element, an Arts Umbrella Fundraising Event

Vancouver, B.C., June 3, 2009 – Arts Umbrella and Opus Hotel are getting ready to shine later this month, as they prepare to host one of the city’s most dazzling fundraising events.

Au=Precious Element will be held on **Thursday, June 25th** at the shimmering Opus Bar at the city’s chic, boutique Opus Hotel. Funds raised will support arts programs for Vancouver’s less-privileged children.

With the theme honoring the “Gold and Glamorous”, the event promises to be a decadent affair attended by Vancouver’s glitterati, see and be scensters and fashionable stylistas. Delectable canapés courtesy of Elixir bistro’s Executive Chef, Don Letendre will be enjoyed along with mouth-watering cocktails. Gold-painted goddesses dance to the beats of talented DJ’s Blondtron & Krown, and guests will go home with a bag full of sponsored goodies.

Tickets are \$130 per person (a charitable tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price) and the event runs from 8pm until late. For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, visit the Arts Umbrella website – www.artsumbrella.com

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About Arts Umbrella

With a mission of "inspiring kids for life through the arts", Arts Umbrella is a not-for-profit centre for arts education, offering a wide breadth of visual, applied and performing arts programming for young people, ages 2 to 19. While thousands of children participate in its tuition-based programs on Granville Island each year, Arts Umbrella reaches thousands more in their neighborhoods through free programs, bringing the arts to kids who otherwise would not be able to participate.

About Opus Hotels

Uniquely stylish and always fresh, Opus hotels redefine the boutique experience, blending contemporary design with warmth and intuitive service. Comfortable guestrooms feature vibrant colours, spa bathrooms and lifestyle-inspired décor schemes. Located in fashionable Yaletown, Vancouver’s Opus hotel is home to Elixir bistro and the dramatic Opus Bar. Opus Vancouver has been named one of the world’s top hotels by readers of Condé Nast Traveler, Forbes Traveler and Travel & Leisure magazine with Opus Bar voted “Vancouver’s Most Popular Nightspot” by Zagat Guide. For information and reservations in Vancouver and Montreal call toll-free 1 866 642-6787 or visit www.opushotel.com

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