

Luke Dale-Roberts to present an exclusive gastronomic charity night in December

Luke Dale-Roberts will present the inaugural Signature of Hope Gala Dinner on 16 December 2018, to mark the Day of Reconciliation. The gastronomic affair will host 100 guests and tickets are available through invitation and online purchase.

The gala dinner is in aid of the Signature of Hope Trust, a 100% non-profit organisation that is set to disrupt the world of charities and NGOs with its innovative programme for regenerating the NGO sector to the benefit of current and future generations of South Africans.

The stars of the culinary show include multiple award-winning Chef Luke Dale-Roberts and his three talented protégés: Freddie Dias of The Pot Luck Club, Wesley Randles of The Shortmarket Club, and The Commissary, as well as Ryan Cole of Salsify at the Roundhouse. Each chef worked closely with Dale-Roberts over the years, before setting off on their own restaurant journeys.



For one night only this year, Dale-Roberts and co. have dreamed up a five-star, multi-course experience – where every cent raised will be donated to the Signature of Hope trust.

“We are all so excited about the event. It’s an opportunity for us to give back in a meaningful way while really pushing the boundaries of what we love to do - create and cook and, at the same time help change our country for the better,” he says.

A gastronomic charity night

The event is the brainchild of Dr Kamlen Pillay of Wembley Clinic and Sandalene Dale-Roberts, who is also the design talent behind each of Luke Dale-Roberts’s restaurants, and together they have conceptualised a gastronomic charity night like no other.

“We wanted to create something different, not just ‘another charity event’, and we think that a night in one space with all these amazing chefs and surprise elements is something that will get people talking and bring together those people who are serious about making South Africa better,” says Sandalene Dale-Roberts.

Luke and his fellow chefs have joined forces with A-list event planners Aleit Swanepoel and Julie Killias to create a uniquely glamorous celebration and culinary showcase in aid of the greater good. Everyone involved is donating their time and expertise to ensure that every cent raised goes directly to the nominated charities.

Shrouded in mystery

Aside from the food, there will be plenty of surprises on the night. Firstly, the venue is a secret. The guests will be transported in chauffeured vehicles sponsored by Mercedes Benz from a pre-event soiree sponsored by leading champagne brand Bollinger to the secret location. Live entertainment at the venue will include surprise contributions from some of South Africa’s best-loved celebs as well as a charity auction featuring luxury experiences and collectables. This includes a unique artwork created live on the night by bronze sculptor Otto du Plessis.



“There are a number of seriously big ticket items on the auction schedule that we’re keeping secret too – it’s all part of the fun of the night,” adds Sandalene.

All in the name of charity

All of the proceeds from the ticket sales and auction will be donated to the Signature of Hope (SOH) Trust, which will present 100% of these funds to two nominated charities: The Avela Foundation and The Smile Foundation. These two foundations will be administering the funds for the complete refurbishment and expansion of the burn unit at the Kimberley Hospital in the Northern Cape.

The SOH Trust is backed by corporate giant Carrick Wealth and does incredible work in filling the void between those who are in dire need and those who have *and* want to give but are demotivated by the current corruption amongst charities and NGOs.

“What sets SOH apart is the impeccable level of transparency and accountability, as every cent goes towards uplifting needy South Africans. We see ourselves as ‘disruptors’ in the NGO sector because of our focus on being the benchmark of consistent transparency, and on encouraging other charities to follow suit by instilling a corporate ethos of transparency and accountability. We also believe that the most sustainable way to facilitate real change in our country is to bring all NGOs together at a summit every three to five years, and to harness the collective power of organisations by encouraging NGOs to abide by a charter that will root out corruption and human rights violations, instilling trust in the sector and thereby enabling NGOs to change our country for the better. We want guests at the event to know that they will be making an enormous difference to the future of our country,” explains Dr Pillay.

Cape Town’s ‘silly season’ is a time when party invitations come in thick and fast and when getting a seat at the likes of The Test Kitchen and the other Dale-Roberts restaurants is near impossible. The Signature of Hope Gala Dinner will be a black-tie affair giving magnanimous philanthropists and Luke Dale-Roberts’s fans the chance to dress up and indulge in their favourite chefs’ food; giving back in the most memorable way imaginable.

A limited number of tickets are available for purchase via The Test Kitchen website www.thetestkitchen.co.za.

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