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Didier Leroy, the top French *chef* of Toronto and Canada, made *Maître Cuisinier de France*

Toronto – Didier Leroy, chef and owner of « *Didier* » restaurant in Toronto, will be named within the prestigious association of the *Maîtres Cuisiniers de France*, on March 21, in Lille, France. He will become the only *Maître* settled in the English-speaking Canada.

Didier Leroy arrived in Canada twenty years ago from Paris, where he had been working as a *Chef* at Michelin starred restaurants. He worked his way up the fine-dining scene in Toronto, heading up kitchens at some of the city's top establishments before opening his own, « *Didier* », five years ago. In 2000, the « *Fifth* », where he was leading the kitchen, was named best restaurant of Toronto, by Toronto Life.

Didier is very concerned by passing on his know-how to the young generations and he aspires to open a *cuisine* school here in Toronto. This project is really important to him as he will help him to maintain his culinary culture.

His know-how and his unceasing desire to improve were recognized by the illustrious association of *Maîtres Cuisiniers de France*. M. Leroy will be made *Maître* and will get into the circle of the 350 better *chefs* and *cuisiniers* of France. He will become the first *Maître* settled in English-speaking Canada.

The association of the *Maîtres de France* was created in 1949. Its main vocation is to maintain and to pass on the reputation of the French culinary art. It also allows to accompany the new generations in their career and their development. The *Maîtres Cuisiniers de France* certainly accounts for the best tool to keep the French gastronomy, as an art that is real and alive. Being a member is a true honour and certainly the most beautiful recognition.

M. Leroy will be pleased to meet you and make you discover his restaurant.

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