

HTM is proud to announce
our Winter 2012 Executive-in-Residence

Peter Oliver
Oliver & Bonacini Restaurants

Tuesday, February 7th – Wednesday, February 8th, 2012

Peter will be speaking in several HTM classes during his visit and a special dinner will be held in his honour on Tuesday evening.



PETER OLIVER
OLIVER & BONACINI RESTAURANTS

Peter Oliver was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa, moving to Canada in 1967 to attend Montreal's McGill University. He had a successful career in stock brokerage and commercial real estate sales before opening his first restaurant in 1978.

After surviving every mistake in the book, Peter is today the proud co-owner of a thriving restaurant company, counting among its portfolio many of Toronto's most acclaimed restaurants: Canoe, Auberge du Pommier, Jump Café & Bar, Biff's Bistro, Luma, O&B Canteen, Bannock and Oliver & Bonacini Café Grill (Toronto, Oakville, Blue Mountain and Waterloo). With over 1000 employees, the company currently serves approximately 45,000 guests per week.

In addition to running a busy restaurant operation, Peter is the founder and chief fundraiser of The Stephen Leacock Foundation, a successful children's charity. Over the past ten years, the foundation has raised \$6.5 million for children's causes, and constructed three schools in underprivileged South Africa. Peter is a Governor of the Royal Ontario Museum, and was the National Chair of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's Ride for a Cure for three years. Peter's more unconventional fundraising escapades over the years have included rappelling down the outside of the King Edward Hotel and living on the top of a flagpole for a week.

Peter is both proud and grateful to live in Canada with his wife Maureen and four children.