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On Tuesday, July 21st **MeShelle** and **Cathal Armstrong** of **Restaurant Eve**, together with the 'Sirens for the Seals,' and the **Humane Society of the United States** celebrated the national launch of the 'In Our Hands' campaign, which is an artistic expression of chefs, bartenders and restaurateur efforts to end Canada's commercial seal hunt.

The campaign has chefs lending their "red" handprint and signature to a large-scale canvas. This canvas will be shared with galleries throughout the United States as a symbol of commitment to support the effort to end Canada's commercial seal and hunt, and to the ecology to humane treatment of animals.

The event was held at DC's new hot spot, **Policy**. The food was amazing and featured little bites such as fried green tomatoes with corn salsa and rosemary crème fraiche with tapioca. The specialty cocktails were prepared by DC's top mixologists from **Gibson** and **PS7**, just to name a few. **Joel Madden** showed his DJ skills by spinning a great selection of music. **Nigel Barker** of **America's Next Top Model** gave a heartfelt speech as did the President of the Humane Society, **Wayne Pacelle**. Other celebrity guests in attendance were **Bethenny Frankel** of the **Real Housewives of New York**, **Nick Sorensen** of the **Cleveland Browns** and 70 local chefs, bartenders and restaurateurs from **Restaurant Eve**, **Vidalia**, **Hook**, **Equinox**, **Bastille** and many others.

Although the event was fun and glamorous, by far, the most important focus of the event was the seals. The severity of this issue is something that must not be ignored. The commercial seal hunt is horrific, despicable and absolutely heartbreaking. Some very important facts pertaining to this issue are:

-Canada's commercial seal hunt is the largest slaughter of marine mammals on Earth.

-Over the past five years, well over one million seals have been killed, just for their fur.

Ninety-seven percent of the seals killed last year were younger than 3 months, and the majority was younger than one month.

-In 2001, an independent veterinary panel studied the commercial seal hunt. They concluded that the seal hunt results in considerable and unacceptable suffering. They noted that in 42% of the seals examined there was not enough evidence of cranial injury to even guarantee unconsciousness at the time of skinning.

-As a result of global warming, ice is thinning in the Canadian birthing grounds of the harp seal. In 2007, over 90% of the seal pups died in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence due to melting ice. Despite this, Canada went on with the hunt.

These facts listed above are completely unacceptable. The slaughter and unnecessary suffering of these innocent creatures is something that must be stopped. The Humane Society is doing really great work to end Canada's commercial seal hunt. Please take the time to get involved in this cause by visiting: humane-society.org/protectseals. You can also e-mail: protectseals@humane-society.org to order **Protect Seals** bumper stickers, cards, brochures, and other campaign materials.



Pictured: The Crowd at Policy; Wayne Pacelle (President and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States); Nigel Barker of "America's Next Top Model"; Joel Madden on the 1's and 2's; Julie Plake and Bethenny Frankel of "The Real Housewives of New York City"

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