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## **The world's top divers pursue their Olympic preparation at the 2007 Camo Invitational International Championships**

*The competition is also a selection meet of the Canadian team for the 2008 FINA World Cup*

MONTREAL, November 29, 2007 – The top senior and junior level divers in the world and in Canada will pursue their Olympic Games preparations at the 11<sup>th</sup> Camo Invitational International Championships scheduled for December 6-9 at the Claude-Robillard Centre.

The competition has attracted 257 entries from 12 countries including several international medallists. Australia's team features Olympic medallists **Loudy Tourky, Chantelle and Robert Newbery. Jose Guerra**, the silver medallist on tower at the 2005 World Aquatic Championships, leads the Cuban squad.

The powerful Canadian team features **Alexandre Despatie** on individual and synchronized three-metre, **Émilie Heymans** (individual and synchronized 10-metre), **Roseline Filion** and **Marie-Ève Marleau** (individual and synchronized 10-metre), **Meaghan Benfeito** of Montreal (individual and synchronized three-metre and 10-metre), **Arturo Miranda** (three-metre synchro) and **Blythe Hartley** (individual three-metre).

### **Selection meet for 2008 FINA World Cup**

The competition is an opportunity for Canadian junior divers to earn their carding from Sport Canada. For the seniors, they'll battle for 16 spots on the Canadian team for the 2008 FINA World Cup set for February 19-24 in Beijing.

The top two divers in the individual three-metre and tower automatically gain selection. For the three-metre and 10-metre synchro events, the teams must earn a pre determined point total to earn a berth.

The stakes are high for Canadian divers at the World Cup competition. The divers will be able to compare themselves against the world's elite a few months out of the Olympic Games. It is also one last occasion to guarantee the qualifying spots for Canada in the diving events at the 2008 Olympic Games.

Junior and senior qualifying at the Camo Invitational International Championships run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., The junior finals, featuring many entries from the world juniors and Pan Am juniors, run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The senior finals follow the junior finals all four days, finishing by 9 p.m. each evening.

Admission is \$5 for a full day of competition (including qualifying and finals). A \$15 meet package is also available for the four days of competition.

The schedule and live results are on-line at [www.camoinvitation.ca](http://www.camoinvitation.ca).

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