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**Miguel Angel Jimenez, Mark O'Meara and Jesper Parnevik add International Flare to
2018 Shaw Charity Classic Field**

—Strong international field taking shape for sixth edition of award-winning tournament—

CALGARY—Fresh off winning the Senior British Open, the Most Interesting Man in Golf, Miguel Angel Jimenez, along with two-time major winner on the PGA TOUR, Mark O'Meara, and fan-favourite, Jesper Parnevik, join an already stellar field for the 2018 Shaw Charity Classic in Calgary, August 27 – September 2.

Often sighted sporting his trademark ponytail and smoking a Cuban cigar, the 54-year-old Jimenez added his name to the lone Canadian stop on the PGA TOUR Champions after winning his second major title of the season – this time at the Home of Golf in St. Andrews, Scotland.

"It's amazing to win at the Home of Golf. I played solid all week and it was so nice to put my name alongside all those greats that have won at St. Andrews including Seve (Ballesteros)," said Jimenez, who also won the Regions Tradition earlier this year.

The four-time European Ryder Cup Team member racked up 21 victories throughout his career on the European Tour. In his three trips to Calgary, the colourful Spaniard has been a hit with the fans on and off the golf course. After matching a course-record 61 in his second round of the 2015 Shaw Charity Classic, he headed into the clubhouse, put on the chef's apron and hat, and whipped up fresh prawns for spectators while drinking some fine wine.

"All of the titles are very important because it shows how you are playing at that moment. You win a major and it's big because it is a major. You win The Open and it is even more special," said Jimenez. "I'm still playing well. I'm still hitting the ball the same distance from the tee and I'm still enjoying myself on the golf course. I still feel competitive and I still feel I can compete with the young guys so it is still a lot of fun."

Another fan-favourite, Mark O'Meara, who made his mark by winning the 1998 British Open, just three months after claiming the Masters, has also added his name to the Shaw Charity Classic tee sheet.

One of five World Golf Hall of Famers confirmed to battle it out at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, O'Meara is a 16-time winner on the PGA TOUR and one of a handful of players to play in all six events in Calgary.

"Calgary and the Shaw Charity Classic is obviously one of the best on Tour. It is a wonderful place, an incredible city. I love the golf course. I love the Rockies and I'm a huge fisherman. Floating the Bow River is a beautiful experience so I can't wait to get back to Calgary for both the golf and to get back onto the Bow again," said O'Meara, who also has two PGA TOUR Champions victories.

Rounding the trio of new international stars who have booked their ticket to Calgary is Jesper Parnevik.

The Swede will make his third trip to Calgary since turning 50. A five-time winner on the PGA TOUR before battling a series of injuries, Parnevik captured his only PGA TOUR Champions win in 2015 at the Insuperity Invitational in The Woodlands, TX.

"This is such a beautiful part of the world and I always love playing in Canada. I would not miss this tournament," said Parnevik. "The golf course is beautiful, really tight with lots of Christmas trees on either side of the fairways. You gotta keep it in play, and if you do, anything can happen. It's going to be a great week."

The trio of stars join Davis Love III, Darren Clarke, Rocco Mediate, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Chris DiMarco, Vijay Singh, and defending champion Scott McCarron in this year's field.

Having raised more than \$22 million for Alberta children's charities in its first five years, the Shaw Charity Classic has set a fundraising goal of \$10 million for this year's tournament, which will support 182 children's charities across Alberta. This effort is made possible thanks to renewed support from Shaw Communications and AltaLink for Shaw Birdies for Kids, presented by AltaLink.

About the Shaw Charity Classic

The Shaw Charity Classic will host some of the greatest names in the game of golf in Calgary at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 27 – September 2, 2018. The field, which will consist of 78 stars on the PGA TOUR Champions, will compete for US \$2.35 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. The winner will receive US \$352,500. The annual PGA TOUR Champions stop in Canada showcases Calgary to the world through its broadcast on the Golf Channel. Led by a philanthropic Patron Group including Tournament Chairman – Clay Riddell, Allan Markin, Keith MacPhail, Jim Riddell, Guy Turcotte, Gary Peddle, Mike Culbert and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications Inc, the Shaw Charity Classic won the prestigious President's Award as the top event on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2017, 2015 and 2014. The Tournament has raised more than \$22.1 million in its first five years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record setting donation of \$8,391,413 raised in 2017 that was distributed amongst 159 youth-based charities in Alberta. For more information on the event, please visit www.shawcharityclassic.com. Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at facebook.com/shawcharityclassic and on Twitter [@shawclassic](https://twitter.com/shawclassic).

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