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Largest Culinary Competition in the Mid-Atlantic Looking for Chefs

Mason Dixon Master Chef Currently Accepting Applications

Baltimore, MD, March 16, 2015 –Mason Dixon Master Chef, LLC (www.MDMasterChef.com), the organizer of the only live, interactive culinary competition of its kind in the Mid-Atlantic region, is currently searching for qualified professional chef teams to compete in its summer-long culinary competition.

Competing chef teams consisting of three members will be challenged to complete an original appetizer, entree and dessert using supplied featured products as well as their own unique ingredients and expertise. Teams have just 30 minutes of cold prep and one hour of cooking time to complete the meal and wow the expert judging panel and audience member guest judges.

This summer's Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament will be the fifth competition to pit chef teams from area restaurants against one another in this single-elimination bracket style tournament. The initial field of 16 chef teams will begin competition on June 15th and will continue throughout the summer on Mondays and Tuesdays until two teams earn their spot in the Sunday, August 16th Final Championship Match. The winner of that match will earn the title of 2015 Mason Dixon Master Chef Champions as well as upwards of \$10,000 in prizes.

The Tournament is designed to showcase local culinary talent, as well as give back to the community, with 10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold going to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (<http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org>). Additional partners of the Tournament include the Restaurant Association of Maryland, the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, local Boordy Vineyards, and many equipment and food sponsors.

Qualified, professional chefs should apply online www.MDMasterChef.com by April 15th for consideration.

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About The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament

This multi-week event is a single-elimination tournament designed to showcase some of the area's finest executive chefs and restaurants. Guests attending this exciting event will be more than just spectators, as they enjoy the unique experience of witnessing two spectacular area chef teams battle it out in the prep kitchen right on the main floor. Each evening two chef teams go head-to-head to prepare an appetizer, entrée and dessert for each of three expert judges, as well as amuse bouche portions of their entrees for a limited number of audience member judges. Their creations are scored on creativity, presentation and taste, and only one chef advances to the next round. At the end of this tournament only one of the 16 competing chefs will emerge as THE Mason Dixon Master Chef! *10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland. More information available at www.MasonDixonMasterChef.com, on Twitter @MDMasterChef, and Facebook at Mason Dixon Master Chef.*

About Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland

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