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Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore to Host Local Chef Competition

The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament Set to Kick-off Fourth Year

Baltimore, MD, February 24, 2014 – Today Mason Dixon Master Chef, LLC announced that Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore, a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel (www.colonnadebaltimore.com/), will host the 2014 Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament.

Guests of the Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament will be able to relax and enjoy the beautiful ambiance of the Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore, which boasts marble floors and hand-painted ceilings, while watching the tournament unfold right in front of them. The two fully equipped kitchens will be set-up right in the lobby foyer adjacent to one of Baltimore's most fashionable restaurants - the Inn at the Colonnade's very own Alizée American Bistro. The Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore is conveniently located in the historic neighborhood of Roland Park and Homewood, with plenty of on-site parking for guests.

The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament, which pits 16 local chef teams one-on-one in a single-elimination competition begins June 16th. A kick-off event featuring the Tournament's top sponsors and charity partner Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (<http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org>) will be held April 8th at the Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore. This event will be the first opportunity for the chefs and invited guests to sample some of the trendy and exotic ingredients that will be featured in this season's competition. It is also the only time prior to the Tournament beginning that chefs will be allowed to tour the competition kitchens and work with the culinary equipment provided (chefs are not allowed to bring in any of their own knives or equipment for competition).

Restaurants and chefs interested in competing should apply online at <http://www.masondixonmasterchef.com/contact-us/compete-as-a-chef.php> to learn more about the tournament and receive an invitation to this exciting kick-off event.

Tournament Details

Tickets for all 15 dates of this summer-long single-elimination chef competition are available for purchase at: <http://www.masondixonmasterchef.com>. Tickets for most matches are \$25 for general admission and \$45 for judging experience (including all taxes). In addition, the Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament donates 10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold directly to their charity partner Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland.

Competition Dates (5:30pm – 9:00pm):

June 16, 17, 23, 24, 30

July 1, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

August 11, 12, 24

Event Timeline:

5:30 p.m. – Happy Hour with Complementary Appetizers and Wine Tasting, plus Drink Specials

6:30 p.m. – Cold Prep Begins for the Competition

7:00 p.m. – Chef Competition

8:00 p.m. – Judging Begins, Complementary Dessert and Coffee Served

Corporate Sponsors:

Platinum Sponsor: Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore

Gold Sponsor: Emmi Roth USA, Maple Leaf Farms, Roland Food, Steelite International, Sysco Food Service/AM Briggs

Silver Sponsors: Atalanta / DeMedici, Azar Nuts, Barilla, Chef a la Mode, ECOLAB, Hatfield, Heinz, Koch Chicken, Logan Sausage, Marcho Farms, Tulkoff Food Products, Vulcan/American Metalcraft

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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 chefs 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 up to 30 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

Meals on Wheels' mission is to enhance quality of life through the provision of nutritious meals, personal contact and related services to homebound individuals. Last year, over 740,000 home-delivered meals were prepared and delivered to more than 2,900 homebound clients through the coordinated efforts of Meals on Wheels staff and some 2,000 volunteers. Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland currently serves the following areas: Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties.