

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Points South Latin Kitchen to Host Local Chef Competition**

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

Baltimore, MD, March 7, 2017 – Today Mason Dixon Master Chef, LLC announced that Points South Latin Kitchen ([www.pointssouthbaltimore.com](http://www.pointssouthbaltimore.com)), will partner with them to host the 2017 Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament this summer.

Points South Latin Kitchen brings downtown Baltimore the finest cuisine that Latin America has to offer. They provide their guests with exceptional local grown foods, deliciously wrapped in a Latin American state of mind. Their knowledgeable, well trained, outgoing and upbeat staff is the perfect counterpoint to their outstanding cuisine. Points South Latin Kitchen is conveniently located on Thames Street in Fells Point Baltimore inside the Admiral Fell Inn, and will be the exclusive host for all 15 matches of the Tournament this summer.

The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament, which pits 16 local chef teams one-on-one in a single-elimination competition begins June 5<sup>th</sup> and runs for eight non-consecutive weeks during the summer. 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 18<sup>th</sup> at Points South Latin Kitchen. 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).

#### **Interested Competitors**

Restaurants and professional 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.

#### **Press Invitation**

Members of the Press should email [info@masondixonmasterchef.com](mailto:info@masondixonmasterchef.com) to request a Press Pass for this event.

#### **Spectators**

For those wishing to attend the Tournament this summer as a 'guest judge', tickets are required to be purchased in advance from the Mason Dixon website (<http://www.masondixonmasterchef.com>).

Guest Judges of the Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament will be able to relax and enjoy the beautiful ambiance and expert service of the Points South staff, while watching the tournament unfold right in front of them in two fully equipped kitchens set-up right on the dining room floor. The evening begins with hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Ray Eugenio, executive chef at Points South Latin Kitchen, and complimentary wine tastings conducted by experts from local Maryland winemaker Boordy Vineyards ([www.boordy.com](http://www.boordy.com)). Attendees will then have the opportunity to watch the competition, enjoy tastes of each of the six dishes prepared by the chef teams, and cast their vote for their favorite team. The evening ends with complimentary coffee and dessert as the winner for the night is announced!

#### **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 \$45 (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 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27

July 10, 11, 17, 18, 31

August 1, 13

#### **Event Timeline:**

5:30 p.m. – Happy Hour with Complimentary 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, Complimentary Dessert and Coffee Served

**Partners:** Points South Latin Kitchen, Boordy Vineyards, Restaurant Association of Maryland, Restaurant Association of Washington, Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland

**Media Partners:** Baltimore Restaurant Examiner, CityPeek, Culination, Dining Dish, Downtown Diane, JL Waldera, Minx Eats, Savory Experiments, The Umbrella Syndicate

#### *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 audience member judges. Their creations are scored on creativity, presentation, difficulty, 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](http://www.MasonDixonMasterChef.com), on Twitter @MDMasterChef, and Facebook at Mason Dixon Master Chef.*

#### *About Points South Latin Kitchen*

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#### *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.*