

Eight Chefs Remain in Local Culinary Competition

Local Chef Tournament Continues with Round 2 Beginning Next Week

July 17, 2014 - Baltimore, MD - The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament, a live, local, interactive culinary competition, completed Round 1 competition this week. The original field of 16 top area chefs is now down to just eight, as the competition enters Round 2 and the final weeks of competition. Each week the competition is getting more intense and the scores tighter, as chef teams vie for the over \$10,000 in prizes and the title of Mason Dixon Master Chef Champions!

Matches are being held throughout the summer on most Mondays and Tuesdays at the Inn at the Colonnade in Baltimore. Round 2 matches are listed below. 10% of each ticket sold goes directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, the competition's charity partner.

Tickets*: \$25 for general admission (includes tax)

\$45 for judging experience (includes tax)

Available for purchase at: www.masondixonmasterchef.com

***Tickets must be purchased in advance for the above pricing. \$35/ \$55 day of and at the door (if available).**

The \$25 ticket price includes admission to that night's competition, wine/spirit tasting, passed hors d'oeuvres during happy hour, dessert and coffee bar, all taxes and a 10% donation to charity. Tickets are on sale now, and are expected to sell out quickly.

Round 2 Matches:

The line-up for July 21 and 22 matches in "Battle International Street Food" include:

Match 9: Monday, July 21 - Chef Jeff Keeney of The Point in Fells versus Chef Adam Snyder of Chef's Expressions

Match 10: Tuesday, July 22 - Chef Nina Swartz of Aida Bistro & Wine Bar versus Chef Jake Hack of Conrad's Seafood

The line-up for July 28 and 29 matches in "Battle Parisian" include:

Match 11: Monday, July 28 - Chef Chad Medina of Kelsey's Irish Pub versus Chef Janny Kim of Bistro Blanc

Match 12: Tuesday, July 29 - Chef Gerardo Gonzales of Tapas Adela and Anastasia versus Chef Kiet Philavanh of Basta Pasta

Happy Hour each evening will feature a complementary wine or spirit tasting, hors d'oeuvres, as well as special pricing on drinks and food for purchase from Alizee American Bistro both days. Guests will also enjoy a complementary dessert bar and coffee to top off their evening. Event details available at: http://www.masondixonmasterchef.com/about-the-tournament/menu.php?match_id=53

When & Where:

Round 2: July 21, 22, 28, 29

Semi-Finals: August 11, 12

Championship Match: Sunday, August 24

5:30 -7:00p.m. – Happy Hour (free appetizers and wine/spirit tasting)

6:25 p.m. – Cold Prep Begins

7:00 p.m. – Chef Competition

8:00pm – Judging Begins (complementary dessert and coffee bar for all guests)

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