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Mid-Atlantic's Biggest Culinary Competition Kicks-Off

The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament Begins June 7th

Baltimore, MD, June 2, 2016 –The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament, a live, local, interactive culinary competition, is back for the sixth year to see who can stand the heat and emerge from the kitchen as the Mason Dixon Master Chef Champion!

The initial field of 16 chef teams will begin competition next week with Battle Breakfast as Tark's Grill takes on The Point in Fells on Tuesday, June 7th, followed by Renditions Golf versus Alexandra's at Turf Valley on Wednesday, June 8th. Each chef team will have 30 minutes of cold prep time, and just one hour of cooking time to create original appetizer, entrée and dessert courses for the expert judging panel of three, and up to 36 audience guest judges. Dishes will be scored on presentation, creativity, difficulty and taste, and at the end of each evening only one chef team will advance to the next round.

Additional matches will be held most Mondays and Tuesdays throughout June, July and August, culminating in the Final Championship match on Sunday, August 14th. A full schedule as well as chef bios are available at <http://www.masondixonmasterchef.com/schedule-results/bracket.php>. All competitions will be held at the Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore, a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel (www.colonnadebaltimore.com/).

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 (<http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org>).

Competition Dates (5:30pm – 9:00pm):

June 7, 8, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28

July 11, 12, 18, 19

August 1, 2, 14

Event Timeline:

5:30 p.m. – Happy Hour with Complementary Hors d'oeuvres and Wine Tasting by Boordy Vineyards, 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

Partners and Sponsors:

Partners: Boordy Vineyards, Restaurant Association of Maryland, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland

Platinum Sponsors: Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore, Emmi Roth Kase USA, The Umbrella Syndicate

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Media Partners:

Baltimore Restaurant Examiner, CityPeek, Curation, Dining Dish, Downtown Diane, JL Waldera, Minx Eats, Savory Experiments, The Umbrella Syndicate

Interviews: Chefs are available for in-studio demos and phone interviews as well as on-site interviews pre or post competition. To set up an interview or receive a press pass to a specific event, please contact Karen Folkart, Karen@masondixonmasterchef.com.

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 36 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 Boordy Vineyards

Family owned and operated since 1965. Boordy Vineyards is dedicated to celebrating life, wine and good food. Learn more about Boordy at www.boordy.com.

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.