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18th Annual Taste of Georgetown on October 15th Offers 60+ Delicious Dishes, Playful Pumpkin Food Fight, 25+ Craft Brews, Live Jazz and More

Taste of Georgetown Expands Down to K Street for Large Annual Neighborhood Tasting Festival

WASHINGTON, DC (October 6, 2011) – The 18th annual Taste of Georgetown is coming up on Saturday, **October 15** from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and will be even bigger, literally, than in years past. Showcasing the spectacular cuisine of over 30 of Georgetown’s finest restaurants, the “must eat” event is expanding down to K Street this year and will also feature an exciting new chef “Pumpkin Food Fight” competition, a huge Washington City Paper Wine, Ale & Spirits Pavilion with 25+ craft beers, creative cocktails and refreshing wines, the jazz talents of world-renowned Blues Alley and more.

Throughout the day, guests will taste delicious dishes, pair tasteful cuisine with wines, sip premium beer, and enjoy live music while uncovering the rare dining treasures the city has to offer. Tickets are \$5 for one tasting and \$20 for five tastings, with proceeds benefitting the Georgetown Ministry Center’s services supporting the homeless. TOG is presented and sponsored by the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) who has helped raise more than \$100,000 for GMC since 2004.

Taste of Georgetown’s 1st Annual “Pumpkin Food Fight” is giving chefs a chance to play with their food – pumpkin style. The fun new restaurant competition will feature six of Georgetown’s best chefs preparing different dishes featuring the favorite fall ingredient, pumpkin, in a full out food competition. Participating restaurants include **Mie N Yu, Filomena Ristorante, Rugby Café, Thunder Burger, Dean & DeLuca and Chadwicks**. A panel of esteemed food journalists will judge the dishes, and attendees will be able to taste them as well. Judges include:

- Bonnie Benwick, *Washington Post*
- Amanda McClements, *Metrocurean*
- Shaun Courtney, *Georgetown Patch*

Restaurants participating in the Taste of Georgetown will be offering delicious dishes from their restaurants and the opportunity to dine through Georgetown in one day. Guests can enjoy much talked-about dishes like the *Frrrozen Hot Chocolate®* from **Serendipity 3** and live-demonstrated *Paella* from **Bodega Spanish Tapas & Lounge**, some savory new fall plates like the *Budapest Crepe with ground beef, onions, tomatoes, green pepper and sour cream cilantro sauce* from **Café Bonaparte** and the *Spicy Pumpkin-Coconut Soup with 48 Hour Duck Confit and Pepitas* from **Mie N Yu**, and some tried-and-true favorites like the *Mini Chicken Pot Pies* from **The Daily Grill** and *Pad Thai* from **Bangkok Joe’s**. And the afternoon wouldn’t be complete without

a tasting of the best baked sweets from DC's cupcake capitol like the *Salted Caramel & Lava Fudge Cupcake* from **Georgetown Cupcake**, *Honey Badger Brownie*, a *fudgy chocolate pecan brownie with brown butter frosting* from **Baked & Wired**, and *Freshly Baked Red Velvet Cupcake* from newcomer, **Sprinkles Cupcakes**.

Participating restaurants include: 1789, Baked & Wired, Bangkok Joe's, Bodega Spanish Tapas & Lounge, Café Bonaparte, Chadwicks, Chipotle, Clyde's, Crepe Amour, Daily Grill, Dean & DeLuca, Degrees Bistro at the Ritz Carlton, Filomena Ristorante, Georgetown Catering, Georgetown Cupcake, Georgetown Wing Co., La Madeleine, Mie N Yu, Morton's the Steakhouse, Munchiez, Neyla, Pinkberry, Ristorante Piccolo, Rugby Café, Sea Catch Restaurant & Raw Bar, Sequoia, Serendipity 3, Sprinkles Cupcakes and Thunder Burger. A full list of participants and menu items can be found online at www.tasteofgeorgetown.com.

Guests can quench their thirst at the huge new **Washington City Paper Wine, Ale & Spirits Pavilion**. Bigger than in years past, the Pavilion will offer everything to keep attendees hydrated: **25+ craft beers**, including three brews from recent DC newcomer New Belgium Brewing Company and several festive pumpkin and Oktoberfest-themed beers for the season; **6+ wines** from wineries like singer Dave Matthews' brand new Dreaming Tree vineyard, and **three craft cocktails** using flavorful spirits like Absolut Mango and St. Germain. Beverages tickets are \$10 for 4, and \$3 for 1 tasting.

In addition to the opportunity to taste over 60 delectable dishes from Georgetown restaurants and a large selection of craft beers, wines and cocktails, the family-friendly event will also offer children's activities including balloon sculptures and face painting.

Attendees of the Taste of Georgetown can avoid parking and traffic by taking either the Circulator line from Union Station/Georgetown or the Circulator line from Rosslyn/Dupont, which runs along M Street. The event will be located on Wisconsin Avenue between M & K Streets. For more information and advanced ticket purchases, visit www.TasteOfGeorgetown.com.

About the Georgetown Business Improvement District

The Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the accessibility, attractiveness and overall appeal of Georgetown. Established in 1999 by its property owners and merchants, the Georgetown BID has more than 1,000 members. The organization is located in the heart of Georgetown in Washington, D.C and sets a standard of excellence in preserving historic charm while meeting contemporary needs. From marketing and special events, to transportation and streetscape, the Georgetown BID contributes to the vitality and quality of life in Georgetown. For more information please visit georgetowndc.com. Also connect with Georgetown on Twitter: www.twitter.com/GeorgetownDC, Facebook: www.facebook.com/OfficialGeorgetownDC and YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/GeorgetownDCTV.

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