

Georgetown, DC's 17th Annual Taste of Georgetown On October 9th Will Feature Exciting New Categories and Lineup of Judges

Taste of Georgetown features 30 of Georgetown's culinary superstars showcasing cuisine with live jazz and festive fun on Saturday, October 9, 2010

WASHINGTON, DC (September 23, 2010) – Food lovers will flock to Taste of Georgetown, the “must eat” event showcasing the spectacular cuisine of 30 of Georgetown’s finest restaurants, featuring more than 60 delectable dishes to sample, as well as beverage pairings and the jazz talents of Blues Alley, on **Saturday, October 9th** from **11 a.m to 4 p.m.** From live paella demonstrations, exquisite fare from a *Top Chef* contestant, an exciting lineup of judges and creative new categories, Taste of Georgetown 2010 will satisfy more appetites and taste buds of all ages in the DC metro area this year. Tickets are \$5 for one tasting and \$20 for five tastings. TOG is presented and sponsored by the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) to benefit the Georgetown Ministry Center.

This year’s Taste of Georgetown judges include some of DC’s finest foodies and media personalities including:

- Nycci Nellis, The List Are You On It & Dishing it Out Radio
- Amanda McClements, Metrocurean.com
- Samy K, HOT 99.5 Radio, the Kane Show

Participants are encouraged to get creative this year to impress the judges, with the addition of several exciting, unique new judging categories including:

- Most colorful dish
- Best use of spices
- Dish that made you go “Mmmmmmm”
- Most creative dish
- Most delicious way to get a cavity

Participating merchants include: 1789, Farmers & Fishers, Baked & Wired, Bangkok Joe's, Bodega Spanish Tapas & Lounge, Café Bonaparte, Chadwick's, Clyde's, Daily Grill, Dean & Deluca, Fahrenheit Restaurant, Filomena Ristorante, Georgetown Cupcake, Hook, J Paul's, Mie N Yu, Morso, Morton's the Steakhouse, Neyla, Nick's Riverside Grille, Old Glory BBQ, Paolo's, Ristorante Piccolo, Tackle Box, Third Edition Taqueria, Tony & Joe's Seafood Place and more. Georgetown newcomers Thunder Burger, Crepe Amour and Georgetown Wing Co. and classic neighborhood staple Patisserie Poupon will be first-year Taste of Georgetown participants.

For guests looking to quench their thirst after a sampling of the neighborhood’s finest food, the Wine and Spirits Pavilion will offer wine, beer and spirits mixed up by some of the city’s best mixologists. Patrons can taste several beverages and purchase four tasting tickets for \$10.

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. This celebration of food, wine and music benefits the Georgetown Ministry Center's (GMC) services supporting the homeless. The Georgetown BID has helped raise more than \$100,000 for GMC since 2004.

The event is located at Wisconsin Avenue, NW, between M & K Streets. Attendees of the Taste of Georgetown have a number of transportation options, including taking either the Circulator line from Union Station/Georgetown or the Circulator line from Rosslyn/Dupont, which runs along M Street. For more information and advanced ticket purchases, visit www.TasteOfGeorgetown.com. Online ticket purchases will be available through Wednesday, October 6.

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. Follow Georgetown on Twitter: twitter.com/georgetowndc.

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