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Westchester Magazine to Host Spectacular Wine and Food Weekend Event

Superior Food and Wine Come Together With World-renowned winemakers and wine experts, 50 Participating Restaurants and Westchester's Best Chefs

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PRLog (Press Release) – Jun 09, 2011 – Experience Westchester Magazine's Inaugural Wine and Food Weekend, June 18-19 at The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester in White Plains, NY. This year's event features an incredible lineup of Westchester's best restaurants with an exquisite list of wine samplings for the Grand Tastings. World-renowned wine experts will teach seminars and talented chefs will host live cooking demonstrations throughout the weekend. The Winemakers Dinner is a perfect end to a Saturday, with a six-course sit-down dinner created by five of Westchester's highly-rated with chefs and served with hand-picked wine pairings.

Those who value fine food and superb wine will find unmatched satisfaction at the Grand Tastings, where samplings from 50 of Westchester's best restaurants will fill the ballroom. Each restaurant's best dishes will be complemented by more than 120 wines from around the globe. One bite and sip at a time, attendees can sample and savor the delicious foods and wines the event has to offer. The Grand Tastings will be held both Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19 from noon to 4 pm.

"We are thrilled to be presenting Westchester Magazine's first ever Wine & Food Weekend in 2011," said Ralph A. Martinelli, Publisher of Westchester Magazine. "This event will celebrate many of the fabulous chefs and restaurants in our region and also will bring new and interesting wines to our audience."

On Saturday, world-renowned wine expert Kevin Zraly will host the "One-Hour Wine Expert" Seminar at 12:00pm. Zraly is the author of Windows on the World Complete Wine Course and founder of the Windows on the World Wine School. He has recently been awarded the James Beard Foundation Award for his unmatched contributions and accomplishments in the world of wine. At 1:00pm, Riedel Crystal will hold the "Shape Matters When It Comes to Wine Enjoyment!" seminar. Attendees will gain a better understanding of various wine glasses along with receiving a boxed set of four Riedel glasses. Mark Fine will host the informative and engaging, "The Magic of Wines from Southern France," seminar at 2:00pm, which will focus on the grapes of the South of France and the wines they produce.

The Wine Seminars on Sunday will only add to the opportunities attendees will have in learning more about the world of wine. Zraly will host a second "One-Hour Wine Expert" at 12:00pm. Ned Towle, Director at the Westchester Wine School, will explore the world of pinot noir, the silky and feminine counterpart to bordeaux's masculine wines during his "Seductive Pinot Noir: A One-Hour Fling" seminar at 1:00pm. Linda Noel Kawabata, Brand Manager at ASPEC will hold, "The Sensational World of Sake," at 2:00pm and will share the tradition, history, flavors and textures of sake.

Highly esteemed chefs including Alex Grunert of Blue Hill at Stone Barns, Peter X. Kelly of X2O (Xaviars on the Hudson) and Phil McGrath of the Iron Horse Grill will provide live cooking demonstrations for those attending the Grand Tastings. On Saturday, at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 respectively, guests can experience the work of these exceptional chefs first-hand. They will be joined with Eric Gabrynowicz of Restaurant North and David DiBari of The Cookery on Sunday to continue this special experience. They will demonstrate their authentic style of cooking at 12:30pm and 1:30pm, respectively. The weekend comes to a close with a Live Chef Cook-Off at 2:30pm. Ash Fulk and Dale Talde from Bravo's popular television show, Top Chef, go head-to-head to create the winning meal for a panel of judges.

Elegance, perfection and luxury come together as one during the Winemakers Dinner on Saturday night from 7:00pm to 10:00pm in the Grand Ballroom. The six-course formal dinner will be prepared by five of Westchester's celebrated chefs; James Dangler of The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester; Peter X. Kelly of X2O; Ethan Kostbar of Moderne Barn; Marc Lippman of Crabtree's Kittle House and Anthony Goncalves of 42 The Restaurant.

Kevin Zraly and Westchester restaurateur John Crabtree of Kittle House will receive Westchester Magazine's Wine & Food Award at the Winemakers' Dinner, the hallmark event of the weekend, to be held Saturday evening, June 18, 2011 at The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester.

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A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to ArtsWestchester and the Food Bank for Westchester. ArtsWestchester is the largest, private, not-for-profit arts council in New York State and Food Bank for Westchester is the supply and support center for over 200 frontline hunger relief programs throughout Westchester County.

For more information and to order tickets, visit www.westchestermagazine.com.

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