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Chefs, Restaurants and Event Lineup Announced for Westchester Magazine's 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival

Festival Expands and Adds New Events

An Evening with Westchester's Tastemakers Doubles in Size, Cross County Shopping Center's Use Your Noodle Family-Friendly Event Debuts, Grand Tasting Village Adds Connoisseurs Tent and Burger & Beer Blast Introduces Empire City Casino Tent with On-site Gaming

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (April 5, 2016) – *Westchester Magazine's 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival* kicked off last night, as participating restaurants and chefs gathered together at Harvest-On-Hudson to celebrate in style and learn about event details. From June 8-12, more than 100 of the County's top restaurants will participate at Westchester's premiere culinary festival to serve up signature bites, drinks and demos for a great time to be had by all.

"We are excited to present *Westchester Magazine's 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival*, highlighting the County's best restaurants" said Ralph Martinelli, Publisher of *Westchester Magazine*. "This year we are presenting five days of food and wine-filled events in multiple venues across Westchester. The schedule of events is not to be missed!"

Burger & Beer Blast

(Thursday, June 9 | Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla | 6:00pm-10:00pm | Ticket: \$75)

Get out and vote for the "Blue Moon Best Burger" of 2016 after sampling an array of burgers from 30 of the best restaurants in Westchester at the annual Burger & Beer Blast! From beef burgers to lamb burgers to good old-fashioned cheeseburgers, everyone is sure to have a different favorite at night's end.

New this year is the addition of the Empire City Casino Tent which will be home to five gaming tables, signature bites from some of the Casino's restaurants as well as specialty cocktails.

The 2016 lineup includes:

- **5 Napkin Burger** (Yonkers)
- **105-Ten Bar & Grill** (Briarcliff Manor)

- **AJs Burgers** (New Rochelle)
- **Bareburger** (Hartsdale)
- **Bull and Barrel Brew Pub** (Brewster)
- **Campagna** (Bedford)
- **Cedar Street Grill** (Dobbs Ferry)
- **Coals Pizza** (Bronxville and Port Chester)
- **Dan Rooney's Café & Bar** (Yonkers)
- **Dinosaur BBQ** (Stamford)
- **Emma's Ale House** (White Plains)
- **Fortina** (Rye Brook, Armonk, Stamford)
- **Good-Life Gourmet** (Irvington)
- **Infusion American Tapas Music Lounge** (Pelham)
- **License 2 Grill** (Thornwood)
- **Little B's Burger Bar** (Tarrytown)
- **Madison Kitchen** (Larchmont)
- **MOOYAH Burgers Fries & Shakes** (Briarcliff)
- **Peekskill Brewery** (Peekskill)
- **Piper's Kilt** (Eastchester)
- **PourHouse Bar & Grill** (Ardsey)
- **Pow! Burger** (New Rochelle)
- **Prime 16 Tap House + Burgers** (Pelham)
- **Ruth's Chris Steak House** (Tarrytown)
- **Rye House** (Port Chester)
- **Rye Roadhouse** (Rye)
- **Smokehouse Tailgate Grill** (New Rochelle)
- **Squire's of Briarcliff** (Briarcliff)
- **X20 Xaviars on the Hudson** (Yonkers)
- **Zuppa Restaurant & Lounge** (Yonkers)

Food trucks **Dough Nation**, **Jimmy's Soft Serve**, **Walter's Hot Dog Stand's Food Truck**, **Pappi's Mediterranean** and **Souvlaki Truck** will be on hand as festival goers can enjoy sweets from **Artuso's Pastry Shop** (Bronx) and **Beascake's Bakery & Breads** (Armonk) and beer provided by Manhattan Beer Distributors.

An Evening with Westchester's Tastemakers

(Friday, June 10 | The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester, White Plains | 6:30pm-10:00pm; VIP entrance: 5:30pm | Tickets: \$125: VIP: \$175)

Now doubled in size, ticket holders will join more than 20 of Westchester County's most-celebrated chefs and restaurants as they come together for this one-night-only celebration of food and wine. Paired with world-class wines and spirits selected by Wine Expert Kevin Zraly and Varmax Liquor Pantry, each chef will prepare two signature dishes for an exclusive gathering of VIPs.

- Michael Abruzese, polpettina
- David Amorelli, Harvest on Hudson
- David DiBari, The Cookery
- Scott Fratangelo, L'inizio
- Eric Gabrynowicz, Restaurant North
- Kennardo Holder, The Ritz- Carlton, Westchester
- Robert Horton, An American Bistro
- Michael Kaphan, Purdy's Farmer & the Fish
- Kyle Inserra, polpettina
- Peter Kelly, X20 Xaviars on the Hudson
- Ethan Kostbar, Moderne Barn
- Peter Larsen, RiverMarket Bar & Kitchen
- Jay Lippin, Crabtree's Kittle House
- Andy Nusser, Tarry Lodge
- Leo Pablo, The Inn at Pound Ridge
- Rafael Palomino, Sonora
- Christian Petroni, Fortina
- Michael Psilakis, MP Taverna
- Andy Shilling, BLT Steak
- Michael White, Campagna
- Bobby Will, Saltaire Oyster Bar

Coffee and desserts from **Blue Tulip Chocolates**, **Coffee Labs Roasters**, **Lulu's Cake Boutique** and **Penny Lick Ice Cream Company** will round out the event.

Grand Tasting Village

(Saturday, June 11 | Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla | 12:00pm-5:00pm | Tickets: \$75; Connoisseurs Ticket: \$125)

This sprawling celebration showcases signature bites from restaurants around the County, all paired with a great assortment of wine and beer. Those with a Connoisseurs ticket will experience food from an additional selection of restaurants, sample wine from 10 of the top wine suppliers and connect with Kevin Zraly who will offer his wine expertise. The Village is also home to celebrity chefs demonstrating their culinary expertise.

The demo stage schedule is below:

- 12:30pm: Bernard Janssen, J.A. Henckels
- 1pm: Michael Psilakis, MP Taverna
- 2pm: Donatella Arpaia
- 3pm: Peter Kelly, X2O Xaviars on the Hudson & Kathie Lee Gifford, NBC's The Today Show
- 4pm: Joy Bauer, NBC's The Today Show

Participating restaurants include:

- **105-Ten Bar & Grill** (Briarcliff Manor)
- **Amore Cucina & Bar** (Scarsdale)
- **Aqui Es Sante Fe** (Port Chester)
- **Artuso's Pastry Shop** (Yonkers)
- **Babalu Q** (Tarrytown)
- **Bar Sugo** (Norwalk)
- **Basta** (Ossining)
- **Birdsall House** (Peekskill)
- **Blue Moon Mexican Café** (Bronxville)
- **Campagna** (Bedford)
- **Cathy's Biscotti** (White Plains)
- **Cedar Street Grill** (Dobbs Ferry)
- **Chatterbox 54** (Briarcliff)
- **Chutney Masala (Irvington)**
- **Clock Tower Grill** (Brewster)
- **Coffee Labs Roasters** (Tarrytown)
- **Cooper's Mill** (Tarrytown)
- **Coriander** (Larchmont)
- **Dolphin Restaurant** (Yonkers)
- **Eastchester Fish Gourmet** (Eastchester)
- **Elia Taverna** (Bronxville)
- **Encore Bistro Francais** (Larchmont)
- **Fantasy Cuisine** (Hartsdale)
- **G & K Sweet Food's**
- **(Good-Life Gourmet** (Irvington)
- **La Bella Havana** (Yonkers)
- **La Bocca Ristorante** (White Plains)
- **Ladle of Love** (Mt. Kisco)
- **Le Moulin Eatery & Wine Bar** (Yonkers)
- **Le Serene** (Larchmont)
- **Memphis Mae's** (Croton-on-Hudson)
- **Nonna's Brick Oven Pizzeria & Restaurant** (Peekskill)
- **Raasa Indian Cuisine** (Elmsford)
- **Rosemary and Vine** (Rye)
- **Ruth's Chris Steak House** (Tarrytown)
- **Rye House Port Chester** (Port Chester)
- **Sherry B. Dessert Studio** (Chappaqua)
- **Texas de Brazil** (Yonkers)
- **The Oath (Tarrytown)**
- **The Taco Project** (Tarrytown)
- **The Twisted Oak Restaurant** (Tarrytown)
- **Zuppa Restaurant & Lounge** (Yonkers)

Stay tuned! More restaurants will be added each week.

In addition to these signature events, the *Wine & Food Festival* will also include:

- **Wednesday, June 8:** Renowned Wine Expert Kevin Zraly and local Celebrity Chef Rafael Palomino will kick off the festival at **Bloomindale's Fashion Food & Wine**, with a special wine and food pairing. Customers will sample a variety of treats from local restaurants while enjoying special shopping deals throughout the night. Ticket: \$25 and includes \$25 Bloomingdale's gift card and gift bag (6:00pm-8:00pm).
- **Saturday, June 11:** At the **Ritz-Carlton, Westchester's Jr. Chefs Academy's** hands-on cooking classes, kids will learn everything, from cooking techniques to recipes they can take home and share with their family and friends. Two sessions, ages 7-12, 11:00am-12:30pm; ages 13-17, 2:00pm-3:30pm). Ticket: \$100.
- **Sunday, June 12:** Kids can play with their food and take part in interactive activities during the festival's first family-friendly event at **Cross County Shopping Center**. **Use Your Noodle** is open to children ages 5-12 and will teach them that cooking is fun! Kids will work with noodle experts from Noodles & Co to construct silly pasta creations, make their own pasta and win prizes! Event is free but registration is required.

Westchester Magazine's 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival proudly supports two local not-for-profit organizations: Friends of Westchester County Parks, committed to the preservation and conservation of 18,000 acres of parks and trails and the Food Bank for Westchester, dedicated to ending hunger in Westchester County.

Visit www.westchestermagazine.com/winefood for complete details on ticket sales.



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Westchester Magazine's 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival brings together the top chefs and wine experts in Westchester County with more than 100 top restaurants and world-class wines from June 8-12, 2016. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to the Food Bank for Westchester and Friends of Westchester County Parks.