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***WESTCHESTER MAGAZINE'S WINE &
FOOD FESTIVAL'S GRAND TASTING
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200 TOP-TIER WINES AND 60
RESTAURANTS***

***New Party Line Connoisseurs Tent Will Debut; Celebrity
Chefs and Television Personalities Will Provide
Demonstrations***

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (May 4, 2016) – Food and wine lovers will find more to love this year at *Westchester Magazine's* 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival's Grand Tasting Village, which will feature even more fine wines and restaurants than in year's past. The Grand Tasting Village is also home to the NewYork-Presbyterian Celebrity Chef Demo Tent where Food Network stars, NBC TODAY Show personalities and local chefs come together to cook up their signature dishes on Saturday, June 11 at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, NY. Another exciting new feature will be the Party Line Connoisseurs Tent, where limited tickets will be sold to exclusive tastings of the finest world-class wines and top restaurants. The Wine & Food Festival, presented by *Westchester Magazine*, is one of the Hudson Valley's most popular and prestigious festivals north of New York City.

“As our signature event, The Grand Tasting Village continues to grow and gets better and better each year,” said *Westchester Magazine* Publisher Ralph Martinelli. “The Party Line Connoisseurs Tent adds a hint of exclusivity and the celebrity chef demos help our food-loving crowd out in their own kitchens, as they learn tips and tricks from the very best chefs.”

More than 200 wines and spirits and nearly 50 restaurants will offer up signature bites to the

2,000 festival goers. The Party Line Connoisseurs Tent will provide a lounge-like atmosphere with select chefs providing savory and sweet dishes, higher-end wines as well as multiple seating areas. Restaurants located in the tent include Benjamin Steakhouse, Eastchester Fish Gourmet, Jean-Jacques, Serafina and Sherry B Dessert Studio.

Wine Expert Kevin Zraly will be stationed in the tent pouring wine throughout the day. “The wines offered in the Party Line Connoisseurs Tent are some of my absolute favorites,” says Zraly. “Understanding that everyone’s palates are different, I put together an eclectic mix of wines that are a bit more special and exclusive.”

Wines poured in the Tent will include Ruinart Blanc, Moet Brut Rose NV, Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut NV, Stonestreet Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013, Freemark Abbey Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon 2012, Arrowood Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012, Angela Yamhill-Carlton Pinot Noir 2013, Matanzas Creek Helena Bench Sauvignon Blanc 2014 and Hartford Court Russian River Chardonnay 2013. Those with tickets to the Party Line Connoisseurs Tent will also have access to the main tent at The Grand Tasting Village.

The Grand Tasting Village is also home to celebrity chefs and television personalities demonstrating their culinary expertise in the NewYork-Presbyterian Demonstration Tent. The demo stage schedule along with further information about those conducting demonstrations is below.

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

Knife Expert and Chef Bernard Janssen of Zwilling J.A. Henckels will show off his knife skills at the first demonstration of the day. Henckels is headquartered in Pleasantville where Janssen manages the cooking workshops, master classes and corporate events.

Michael Psilakis is the Executive Chef/Owner of a number of popular restaurants in New York City including Kefi and FISHTAG as well as four iterations of the Modern Greek restaurant, MP Taverna, which has a location in Irvington. A cookbook author and Michelin star recipient he acquired many of the food world’s highest honors including *Food & Wine’s* Best New Chef and *Bon Appetit’s* Chef of the Year distinctions. A James Beard Award nominee Psilakis has appeared on the Food Network’s Iron Chef America and The Best Thing I Ever Ate. **Michael will be on stage at 1pm to demystify octopus.**

Donatella Arpaia is a restaurateur and television personality, appearing regularly on Food Network’s Iron Chef America and The Next Iron Chef. A cookbook author and recipient of a Michelin star she has also been nominated for a James Beard Foundation Award. She created a line of kitchen solutions currently sold exclusively on HSN, as well as a home décor line for Frontgate that includes cutlery, linens, drinkware and more. She will open Prova Pizzabar in Grand Central later this year. **Whipping up her famous meatballs, Donatella will be on stage at 2pm.**

Owner and Chef of some of the most critically acclaimed restaurants in the Hudson Valley, **Peter Kelly’s** cuisine and hospitality bring dining to a new level. The James Beard Award

winner is known for his contemporary American restaurants: X20 Xaviars on the Hudson in Yonkers, Xaviars at Piermont, The Freelance Café & Wine Bar and Restaurant X & The Bully Boy Bar in Congers, Kelly. His restaurants have received top praise by media including a perfect review in The New York Times for X20 and have been the recipients of various awards including The Mobil Travel Guide Four Star Award, The Dirona Award, Restaurant News Dining Hall of Fame and Wine Spectator's Best of Award of Excellence. **Peter is cooking up wild mushroom risotto with green onion at 3pm, alongside Kathie Lee who is pairing her GIFFT Chardonnay with the dish.**

American television personality **Kathie Lee Gifford** is an Emmy-winning co-host of The TODAY Show's fourth hour with Hoda Kotb. She is the former co-host of the popular television program *Live! with Regis and Kathie Lee*. In partnership with Scheid Family Wines of Monterey, California, Gifford has a popular wine collection called GIFFT which currently offers a Red Blend, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir Rose. In addition to her hosting duties, Gifford is also an actress, singer, playwright, songwriter, author and philanthropist.

One of the nation's leading health authorities Joy Bauer, MS, RDN is the nutrition and health expert for NBC's TODAY Show. As the author of 12 New York Times best-selling books, she is passionate about delivering scientifically sound, realistic information to her millions of readers and viewers. She is the founder of Nourish Snacks, a monthly columnist for *Woman's Day* magazine, and the official nutritionist for the New York City Ballet. Rounding out the demo, **Joy will focus on whipping up nutritious, quick, easy snacks beginning at 4pm.**

At the entrance to the Grand Tasting Village is the Mercedes Benz of White Plains Lounge, where ticket goers can try cocktails made with Slovenia Vodka. Imbibers can choose from more than 160 wines to be paired with signature bites from each of the nearly 60 restaurants in the main tent. These wines were also chosen by Zraly in partnership with Varmax Liquor Pantry. An array of vintages and varietals will be offered for all festival goers to try. Showcasing their signature dishes, participating restaurants include:

- **105-Ten Bar & Grill** (Briarcliff Manor)
- **Amore Cucina & Bar** (Scarsdale)
- **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)
- **Elia Taverna** (Bronxville)
- **Encore Bistro Francais** (Larchmont)
- **Fantasy Cuisine** (Hartsdale)
- **Good-Life Gourmet** (Irvington)
- **Infusion American Tapas Music Lounge** (Pelham)
- **Kishuya Ramen Noodle Bar** (Hartsdale)
- **La Bella Havana** (Yonkers)
- **La Bocca Ristorante** (White Plains)
- **Le Serene** (Larchmont)
- **Memphis Mae's** (Croton-on-Hudson)
- **NoMa Social** (New Rochelle)
- **Nonna's Brick Oven Pizzeria & Restaurant** (Peekskill)
- **Piccola Trattoria** (Pelham)
- **Raasa Indian Cuisine** (Elmsford)
- **Rita's Italian Ice** (Elmsford)
- **Rosemary and Vine** (Rye)

- **Ruth's Chris Steak House** (Tarrytown)
- **Rye House Port Chester** (Port Chester)
- **Sonora** (Port Chester)
- **Texas de Brazil** (Yonkers)
- **The Oath Craft Beer Sanctuary** (Tarrytown)
- **The Taco Project** (Tarrytown)
- **The Twisted Oak Restaurant** (Tarrytown)
- **WUJI** (Scarsdale, Rye)
- **Zuppa Restaurant & Lounge** (Yonkers)

Westchester Magazine's 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival proudly supports two local not-for-profit organizations: Westchester Parks Foundation, 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 Westchester Parks Foundation.