

Chef Tournament Heats Up as it Enters Second Half of Round One

Local Chef Tournament Continues with Four Top Chefs Competing Next Week

July 10, 2013 - Baltimore, MD - The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament, a live, local, interactive culinary competition, is back from their Independence Day hiatus with matches scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of the next four consecutive weeks beginning July 15th and 16th.

With four of the original 16 chefs already eliminated, the competition is getting tougher and more intense with each passing week.

Next week's matches may be some of the toughest yet as Iron Bridge Wine Company, (last year's first runner-up in the tournament) takes on Josh Handel's Catering and Personal Chef Services on Tuesday, July 16th. On Monday, July 15th, we have two Baltimore favorites going head-to-head, with Regi's American Bistro taking on Langermann's. The winners of each of these matches will then compete against each other in Round 2 on July 29th.

Additional matches are being held throughout the summer on most Mondays and Tuesdays at the Mari Luna Bistro in Baltimore. 10% of each ticket sold goes directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, the competition's charity partner.

The \$25 ticket price includes admission to that night's competition, wine/spirit tasting, passed hors d'oeuvres during happy hour, dessert and coffee bar, all taxes and a 10% donation to charity. Tickets are on sale now, and are expected to sell out quickly.

Tickets*: \$25 for general admission (includes tax)

\$45 for judging experience (includes tax)

Available for purchase at: www.masondixonmasterchef.com

****Tickets must be purchased in advance for the above pricing. \$35/ \$55 at the door (if available).***

Remaining Round 1 Matches:

The line-up for July 15 and 16 matches in "Battle Greece" include:

Match 5, Monday, July 15 - Chef Mark Dunaway of Regi's American Bistro versus Chef Neal Langermann of Langermann's

Match 6, Tuesday, July 16 - Chef Christopher Lewis of Iron Bridge Wine Company versus Chef Josh Handel of Josh Handel's Catering & Personal Chef Services

The line-up for July 22 and 23 matches in "Battle California" include:

Match 7, Monday July 22 – Chef Neill Howell of Bond Street Social versus Chef Matthew Szymanski of The Wonderland Ballroom (DC)

Match 8, Tuesday July 23 – Chef Jake Hack of Chef's Expressions versus Chef Christian Welch of Skycroft Conference Center

Happy Hour each evening will feature a complementary wine or spirit tasting, hors d'oeuvres, as well as special pricing on drinks and food for purchase from Mari Luna Bistro both days. Guests will also enjoy a complementary dessert bar and coffee to top off their

evening. Event details available at: http://www.masondixonmasterchef.com/about-the-tournament/menu.php?match_id=49

When & Where:

The 8-week event kicks-off next week and continues through the summer, with two competitions each week, until August 27th.

5:30 -7:00p.m. – Happy Hour (free appetizers and wine/spirit tasting)

6:30 p.m. – Cold Prep Begins

7:00 p.m. – Chef Competition

8:00pm – Judging Begins (complementary dessert and coffee bar for all guests)

Mari Luna Bistro

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Interviews: Chefs are available for in-studio and phone interviews as well as on-site interviews pre or post competition. To set up an interview or receive a press pass to a specific event, please contact Karen Folkart, Karen@masondixonmasterchef.com.

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Meals on Wheels' mission is to enhance quality of life through the provision of nutritious meals, personal contact and related services to homebound individuals. Last year, over 740,000 home-delivered meals were prepared and delivered to more than 2,900 homebound clients through the coordinated efforts of Meals on Wheels staff and some 2,000 volunteers. Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland currently serves the following areas: Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

About Mari Luna Bistro

The Mari Luna Restaurant Group consists of three restaurants, the Mari Luna Bistro in Baltimore, and the Mari Luna Latin Grille and Mari Luna Mexican Grill both in Pikesville, Maryland. Owned and operated by the Jaime Luna and his family, the Mari Luna properties offer authentic Mexican and Latin cuisine that combines the warmth of the Luna family with sophisticated and delicious food preparation for a unique dining experience.