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Grille620 / River Hill Grill Takes the Title of 2017 Mason Dixon Master Chef Champions *Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament Concludes Seventh Season*

Baltimore, MD, August 15, 2017 – A sold out crowd gathered this past Sunday at Point South Latin Kitchen (<http://www.pointssouthbaltimore.com/>) to cheer on the final two contestants in The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament. The Tournament began back in early June with 16 chef teams and 15 matches ahead of them in this summer-long bracket-style single-elimination culinary competition.

The final two teams from *Grille620 / River Hill Grill* and *The Inn at Brookeville Farms* competed in Battle Royale for close to \$10,000 in cash and prizes. While expert judges Mitchell Platt (*The COSMOS Club* in Washington, DC), Chef Marc Dixon (*Bond Street Social* and *Barcocino*), and Chef Taueret Thomas (*Khepera's Kitchen*) said both teams performed exceptionally, in the end only one team can win. This year, Grille620's team (Executive Chef Fabio Mura, Sous Chef Karen Herlihy and Sous Chef Colin Dixon) took that win and are now **the 2017 Mason Dixon Master Chef Champions!**

Also in attendance Sunday night were representatives from the Tournament's charity partner *Meals on Wheels of Central of Maryland* (www.mealsonwheelsmd.org), who were the recipients of a cash donation of over \$2,000.00 from the Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament. The Tournament donates 10% of all ticket and merchandise sales to charity each year, and to date has given close to \$20,000 to local food charities.

Photos and videos from the night's event are available on Facebook at *Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament*.

For more information on the Tournament, or to apply to compete in next Summer's competition, visit www.MDMasterChef.com. Twitter and Facebook at *Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament*. Instagram at *mdmasterchef*.

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About The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament

This multi-week event is a single-elimination tournament designed to showcase some of the area's finest executive chefs and restaurants. Guests attending this exciting event will be more than just spectators, as they enjoy the unique experience of witnessing two spectacular area chefs battle it out in the prep kitchen right on the main floor. Each evening two chef teams go head-to-head to prepare an appetizer, entrée and dessert for each of three expert judges, as well as amuse bouche portions of their entrees for up to 30 audience member judges. Their creations are scored on creativity, presentation and taste, and only one chef advances to the next round. At the end of this tournament only one of the 16 competing chefs will emerge as THE Mason Dixon Master Chef! 10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland. More information available at www.MasonDixonMasterChef.com, on Twitter @MDMasterChef, and Facebook at Mason Dixon Master Chef.

About Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland

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 Points South Latin Kitchen

Points South Latin Kitchen is conveniently located in Fells Point Baltimore inside the Admiral Fell Inn. Our mission is to bring downtown Baltimore the finest cuisine that Latin America has to offer. We will provide our guests with exceptional local grown foods, deliciously wrapped in a Latin American state of mind. Our knowledgeable, well trained, outgoing and upbeat staff will be the perfect counterpoint to our outstanding cuisine. The food and service will only be complete, when you have that cold frosted hand crafted cocktail made with fresh herbs and one-of-a-kind ingredients, to complement them.