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ST. LOUIS MAGAZINE AND LEXUS ANNOUNCE THE FIVE-NIGHT CULINARY LINEUP FOR FOOD WINE DESIGN, SLM's WEEKLONG DINNER SERIES

ST. LOUIS, MO – March 15, 2012 – *St. Louis Magazine* is proud to announce the return of Food Wine Design, a weeklong dinner series that focuses on the city's culinary and design talent. Food Wine Design, presented by Lexus, takes place Monday, May 14, through Friday, May 18, at Lumen Private Event Space (2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63103). Food Wine Design was introduced in June 2011 and the nearly sold-out dinner series raised more than \$21,000 for local charities. This unforgettable dining experience offers food lovers a truly unique and memorable menu created by the city's most celebrated chefs. Each evening's theme features flavorful foods and wines, stunning tabletop designs, and an exclusive four-course menu.

Each dinner highlights two esteemed chefs from St. Louis' best local restaurants, three tabletop designers, wine and beer pairings, a creative mixologist, a talented entertainer, and a charity partner that will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Monday, May 14: Top Chefs

Chef Pairing: Gerard Craft of Niche; Kevin Willmann of Farmhaus

Mixologist: TJ Vytlačil of Blood & Sand

Tabletop Designers: Jacob Laws and Sara Turner of CURE Design Group, Marci Marsh of Marci Marsh Design, and Janice Rohan of Park Avenue Design

Wine and Beer Pairings: Trinchero Family Estates and Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy

Entertainment: Ralph Butler

Charity Partner: TBA

Tuesday, May 15: Farm to Table

Chef Pairing: Carl McConnell of Stone Soup Cottage; Cassy Vires of Home Wine Kitchen

Mixologist: Cory Cuff of Cielo

Tabletop Designers: Amie Corley of Amie Corley Interiors, Retta Leritz and Laura Murray of Hip & Gable Interiors, and Amena Zemora of Amena Zemora Designs

Wine and Beer Pairings: Treasury Wine Estates and Blue Moon Farmhouse Red Ale

Entertainment: Heather Matthews

Charity Partner: Camp Rainbow

Wednesday, May 16: A Night in Tuscany

Chef Pairing: Jim Fiala of Acero, The Crossing, and Liluma; John Griffiths of Truffles

Mixologist: Justin Cardwell of BC's Kitchen

Tabletop Designers: Melinda Hagedorn of Interiors by Melinda, Jeanie Hood of Three French Hens, and Kimberly Reuther of DesignSpeak

Wine and Beer Pairings: Banfi Vintners and Peroni

Entertainment: Jim Stevens

Charity Partner: TBA

Thursday, May 17: The Spice is Right

Chef Pairing: Kelly English of Kelly English Steakhouse; Wes Johnson of Salt

Mixologists: Joel Clark and Matt Seiter of Sanctuaria

Tabletop Designers: Cary Baumann of Cary & Company, Diane Rosen of Diane Rosen Interiors, and Kim Taylor of Kim Taylor Interior Design

Wine and Beer Pairings: W.J. Deutsch & Sons and Killian's Irish Red

Entertainment: Electric Soul

Charity Partner: American Cancer Society

Friday, May 18: Restaurants of the Year

Chef Pairing: Justin Haifley of The Tavern Kitchen & Bar; Nick Miller of Harvest

Mixologist: Ted Kilgore of Taste

Tabletop Designers: Jay Eiler of Niche/The Lawrence Group, M. Joyce Mathis of MJM Design Company, and Marcia Moore of Marcia Moore Design

Wine and Beer Pairings: Moët Hennessy Wines and Blue Moon Belgian-Style Pale Ale

Entertainment: Kim Massie

Charity Partner: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Reservations are \$85 per person or \$800 per table of 10. Five-night passes for two are also available for a special price of \$750. Ticket price includes a four-course dinner, cocktails, wine and beer pairings, a gift bag, and valet parking. A portion of the proceeds from each evening will benefit a local charity, as selected by the chef pairing. Space is limited. For more information or tickets, call **314.918.3033** or visit stlmag.com/foodwinedesign.

St. Louis Magazine's second annual Food Wine Design dinner series is presented by Lexus and sponsored by Banfi Vintners, Blue Moon, Fresh 102.5, Killian's Irish Red, Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy, Moët Hennessy Wines, Treasury Wine Estates, Trinchero Family Estates, Peroni, *St. Louis AT HOME*, Weinhardt Party Rentals, Wells Fargo Advisors, and W.J. Deutsch & Sons.

Food Wine Design was recently nominated for a City and Regional Magazine Association (CRMA) Award in the Community Service Project category. *St. Louis Magazine* is the smart, stylish, and sophisticated guide to St. Louis. Each month, the award-winning magazine brings readers revealing profiles, discerning dining and cultural guides, in-depth features, informed commentary, and authoritative best-of lists. Since 2004, *St. Louis Magazine* has earned a total of 12 City and Regional Magazine Association Awards.

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