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Savor the State's Finest Flavors at the Chef Tribute Dinner: Harvesting Arizona

Chef Chris Bianco the Featured Speaker at Farm-to-Table Feast

Who: Farm fresh food fanatics and those craving to learn more about Arizona's culinary offerings.

What: Now in its second year, the Chef Tribute Dinner series continues at J&G Steakhouse on April 14th as part of the 2010 Scottsdale Culinary Festival. Hosted by J&G's Chef de Cuisine, Jacques Qualin, this multi-course, wine-paired dinner is crafted with a focus on distinct and delectable ingredients sourced almost entirely from Arizona producers.

Guests will dine with great local chefs and farmers who produce some of the best State-sourced delicacies that embrace this farm-to-table approach. Chris Bianco, the James Beard Award-winning chef and owner of Pizzeria Bianco and Pane Bianco will speak at the dinner, discussing his philosophy behind creating food that is intrinsically natural, organic and locally grown, which in turn supports farmers who live for that cause, and that cause allows them to live.

Chefs in attendance: **Chris Bianco**, **Mark Tarbell** (Tarbell's), **Greg LaPrad** (Quiessence), **Jacques Qualin** (J&G Steakhouse), **Michael DeMaria** (Heirloom), **Charleen Badman** and **Pavle Milic** (FnB), **Tammie Coe** (Tammie Coe Cakes), **Michael John Coe** (MJ Breads), **Matt Carter** (Zinc Bistro, The Mission), **Doug Robson** (Gallo Blanco, Hillside Spot), **Wade Moises** (PastaBAR), **Michael Stebner** (True Food Kitchen), **Chrysa Robertson** (Rancho Pinot).

Producers in attendance: **Bob & Marsha McClendon** (McClendon Farms), **Maya Dailey** (Maya's Farm), **Todd Bostock** (Dos Cabezas WineWorks), **Ken & Lee Singh** (Singh Farms), **Sam Pillsbury** (Pillsbury Wine), **Greg Bruni** (Queen Creek Olive Mill), **John & Joyce Bittner** (The Ranch at Fossil Creek), **Mark Rhine** (Rhiba Farms), **Tim Wilson** (The Meat Shop).

When: Wednesday, April 14, 2010
6:30pm

Where: J&G Steakhouse at The Phoenician
6000 E. Camelback Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Price: \$150 per person, or \$125 per person for a table of 8

The Scottsdale League for the Arts is a non-profit (501(c)3) charitable organization that raises funds for arts and arts education programs throughout Arizona. Since 2002, the League has contributed more than \$3.2 million to numerous organizations benefiting children, such as The Phoenix Symphony, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Phoenix Boys Choir and Phoenix Children's Hospital. For additional information about the League or about becoming a member or volunteer, contact SLA at 7309 E. Evans Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260 or visit www.ScottsdaleCulinaryFestival.org.