



THURSDAY: Friends of James Beard Benefit Dinner

Eight prestigious chefs from all over the nation collaborate on one dinner, one night only

What: Exceptional food is a rare thing. It takes years of training, finesse and imagination from a single individual. But what happens when you take those individuals and put them together to collaborate creatively for one evening?

The outcome is the **Friends of James Beard Benefit Dinner**, a rare, once-in-a-lifetime dining experience featuring renowned James Beard Award-winning chefs. This event has drawn eight of the USA's most prestigious and influential James Beard award-winning chefs, who will demonstrate their extraordinary talent in a multi-course, collaborative dinner, complete with carefully selected wine pairings.

This unforgettable gala will include the following artisans of the kitchen:

- **Chef Todd Berry** – The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa (Scottsdale, AZ)
- **Chef Michael Ginor** –Lola (Great Neck, NY) & Hudson Valley Foie Gras (Ferndale, NY)
- **Chef Koren Grieveson** – avec (Chicago, IL)
- **Chef Roberto Madrid** – deseo at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa (Scottsdale, AZ)
- **Chef Daniel Orr** – FARMbloomington (Bloomington, IN)
- **Pastry Chef Nicole Plue** – Cyrus (Healdsburg, CA)
- **Chef Douglas Rodriquez** – Alma de Cuba (Philadelphia, PA), D. Rodriguez Cuba (Miami, FL), Ola at Sanctuary (Miami, FL), deseo (Scottsdale, AZ)
- **Chef Jason Wilson** – Crush (Seattle, WA)

In partnership with the **Scottsdale Culinary Festival**, The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa will host this prestigious event, beginning at sunset with hors d'oeuvres and aperitifs on the hotel's manicured lawn overlooking ice sculptures and a serene lake. Following this spectacular introduction is the main event; a multi-course dinner. The **Friends of the James Beard Dinner** promises a truly memorable evening of exquisite cuisine from the hands and minds of true culinary artisans.

When: Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 6:00pm (Reception) & 7:30pm (Dinner)

Where: deseo at **The Westin Kierland Resort**
6902 East Greenway Parkway
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
(800) 354-5892

Cost: Tickets are \$175 per person (through March 5th) and \$200 thereafter.

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| The Kick Off Party — Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame™ | Bubbles & Bliss — Chef Tribute Dinner | The Chocolate & Wine Experience — Friends of James Beard Benefit Dinner | — Eat, Drink & Be Pretty Party — | Great Arizona Picnic™ — Cooks & Corks™ — Chef Wine Dinners | Wine Country Brunch™ — Great Arizona Picnic™ — Cooks & Corks™ — Best of the Fest™ |

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