

# ONE INSPIRED EVENING

March 13, 2009

Dream Jobs & Priceless Packages

## Live Auction:

### **Conan O'Brien's Tonight Show in Sunny L.A.**

You and a friend will fly to Los Angeles for three days, including VIP tickets to the Tonight Show with newly minted host Conan O'Brien, three-night club-level stay at the Sheraton Universal Hotel with breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres in the Club Lounge, two passes the Universal Studios Hollywood theme park, dinner at The Palm, and two passes to the world-famous Magic Castle magicians' club and, of course, airfare.

### **Chef Paul Kahan Dinner at Home for 12**

Want to amaze your friends with the best home-cooked meal ever? Here's your chance: renowned Chef Paul Kahan executive chef/partner of Blackbird, avec, The Publican, will confer with you on a menu highlighting local ingredients and prepare an elegant dinner with wines for a party of 12 at your home. Chef Kahan's accolades include James Beard Foundation Best Chef of the Midwest in 2004 and *Food & Wine* Best New Chefs 1999.

### **Scott Glazier's Inspired Artwork**

Scott Glazier's artwork has been exhibited and collected through out the world. Growing up in the suburbs of Chicago, Scott's roots are in the city's thriving cultural scene, calling it home throughout his creative journey. The large canvas Scott creates at One Inspired Evening can be yours ... an unforgettable memento of an inspired evening.

### **Green City Market and Baking with Chef Mindy Segal**

Tour the Green City Market with James Beard Award nominee and renowned pastry chef Mindy Segal. After learning how a pro selects the season's best produce, you'll join Chef Segal at her heavenly Bucktown restaurant Hot Chocolate for a day of serious baking. You're sure to take home impressive skills and a little something sweet.

### **Spacca Napoli, Vin Divino and Pasticceria Natalina Extravaganza**

What does it take to make the best pizza and pastries this side of Italy? A party of 16 people will find out at a private, hands-on party at Spacca Napoli. Owner (and key Inspiration Cafe volunteer) Jonathan Goldsmith will host your group on a mutually agreed-upon Monday for dinner and a discussion of Italian foods and wines during the spring, fall or winter. Natalie Zarzour from Andersonville's acclaimed Pasticceria Natalina will provide ethereal desserts and join the group and Vin Divino (a *Food & Wine* Importer of the Year) will join the party with fine wines to wash it all down!

### **Get Cooking with Cafe Too's Chef Peter Ireland**

Inspiration Corporation's newest chef will collaborate with you on a menu then welcome eight people to the kitchen at Inspiration Cafe or The Living Room Cafe on a mutually agreed-upon day to prepare and enjoy a seasonal three-course menu. (You take home the recipes and Chef Ireland's technique!) Peter has worked at some of the world's storied restaurants (Payard, Gramercy Tavern, Cafe Boulud in New York, Georges Blanc in France, Blackbird in Chicago). As chef/owner of Carpenter & Main in Norwich, VT, Peter was invited to cook at the James Beard House.

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## Silent Auction

### **Chef Jared Case of Soul Prepares Dinner for Eight in Your Home**

Soul will provide a traditional American dinner for eight people in your home, providing all food and service on a mutually agreed upon night. Formerly of Marche, Chef Jared Case makes everything from scratch (mostly in your kitchen) – just like grandma used to make, if her specialty was lump crab cake and zesty lemon accompanied by saffron butter.

### **Kids Cook at Inspiration Cafe with Chef Mike Kuhn!**

Mike Kuhn, chef (and tonight's Lisa Nigro Spirit Award recipient) will host four kids (ages seven and up) for a cooking party at Inspiration Cafe on a mutually agreed-on Saturday or Sunday. In consultation with Chef Kuhn, you can select a complete meal for the two-hour class, which could include veggies with dipping sauce, make-your-own pizza or mac & cheese, and a cupcake-decorating session.

### **The MCA with Chief Curator Elizabeth Smith**

Vitality, substance and innovation. The winner and three guests will go behind the scenes for a half a day and find out how Elizabeth Smith, James W. Alsdorf Chief Curator of the Museum of Contemporary Art, works with the museum's collection to create rich, thought provoking contemporary art exhibits. Lunch will be provided.

### **Chef Colin Crowley Prepares a Wine Dinner for Six in Your Home**

Colin Crowley is executive chef at Terlato Wines International, and specializes in cooking to showcase wine. Chef Crowley will consult with you to create a menu that reflects your sensibility then prepare and serve dinner for six in your home, perfectly matched with stellar wines from his collection. Or, if you have special wines you've been saving, Chef Crowley will be happy to build a meal around it. Delicious!

### **At the Zoo with Dr. Tom Meehan, Head Veterinarian at the Brookfield Zoo**

Be a hero to your kids (or grandkids) when you take your family for a behind the scenes weekend tour of the Brookfield Zoo, including a short presentation on the zoo's work, a tour of the zoo hospital, and walk through the zoo with Dr. Tom Meehan. Then finish up with a visit to Seven Seas and a dolphin show. This package includes a one-year family membership to Brookfield Zoo.

### **Fine Art from Scott Glazier Featuring ... YOU**

Scott Glazier's artwork has been exhibited and collected through out the world. Growing up in the Chicago suburbs, Scott's roots are in the city's thriving cultural scene, calling it home throughout his creative journey. Scott will spend 20 minutes with you to make a beautiful sketch of you to take home tonight!

### **Pastry Chef Stephanie Samuels of Angel Food Bakery**

Stephanie Samuels combines nostalgia with unparalleled creativity and just plain skills to come up with one of Chicago's most iconic – and delicious – bakeries. In your private half-day session with Chef Samuels she might teach you how she makes the Airstream (her take on the Twinkie, filled with real marshmallow buttercream), the Igloo, or play it straight and just make a cake that will knock your socks off.

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## Silent Auction, continued

### **Private Art Walk and Wine Tasting with Carrie Secrist and Elbert Hatley**

Gather a group of 10 people for your private tour of West Loop galleries led by highly regarded gallerist Carrie Secrist, followed by a wine tasting at the Secrist Gallery hosted by the urbane Wine Guide, Elbert Hatley.

### **Beer and Cheese Tasting with Greg Hall of Goose Island Brewery**

Goose Island Brewmaster Greg Hall will join 12 of your friends at your home for an evening of beer and cheese, featuring 5 beers matched with artisanal cheeses selected by Greg. Greg will guide the tasting and to answer your questions. This opportunity is available in the Chicago area on a date to be mutually agreed-on. Goose Island Brewery will provide the beers, cheese, accoutrement and glassware.

### **A New You**

How about a day of indulgence for yourself? First, check in with yoga instructor Bob Wysocki for your private lesson in your home or a Chicago studio. Then, it's off to Allyu Spa for a relaxing massage and facial. Then it's over to John Vaillancort Salon for a cut and color. While you've been taking care of yourself, Clean as a Whistle has been taking care of your home, with a four-hour housecleaning. Why not? You deserve it!

### **Guest Chef at moto with Homaro Cantu**

Delve into the place where food meets science by spending the day with Chef Homaru Cantu in the kitchen of moto Restaurant. You will work side by side with the moto team to prepare the evening dinner service. You will also have the opportunity to taste the creations that Chef Cantu makes using a class IV laser, liquid nitrogen and helium, or a hand-held particle gun. Glimpse the future of gastronomy and expand your mind while expanding your palate.

### **Kayak Tour for Four**

Join Inspiration Corporation Board President Steven Gross for a kayak tour for four people on the Chicago River or Lake Michigan on a mutually agreed-upon day. An avid and experienced kayaker, Steven will provide everything you need for a safe trip (except the sunscreen), teach you the basics of kayaking, and lead a relaxing or exhilarating – your choice – four-hour trip punctuated by a picnic lunch provided by Inspiration Corporation's Cafe Too restaurant. As one of Chicago's top event photographers, Steven will provide you with photos to commemorate your trip.

### **Tour Italy's Wines – From your Home**

Vin Divino, a *Food & Wine* Importer of the Year, provides a case of some of their favorite Italian wines, a \$400 value. This Tour of Italy includes 12 Italian viticultural realities – Greco, Nebbiolo, Sauvignon, Nero d'Avola, Prosecco, Barbera, Fiano, Aglianico, Moscato, Primitivo, Brunello, Montepulciano .... Abbondanza!