

Destination Kohler Announces Top Chefs for Future Culinary Events

On the heels of a successful 14th Annual Kohler Food & Wine Experience, Destination Kohler continues commitment to secure top talent for signature festivities

KOHLER, WI, USA, October 30, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Destination Kohler</u> continues to showcase international and nationally-acclaimed culinary experts at the resort's signature culinary events: Kohler Food & Wine Experience and <u>In Celebration of Chocolate</u>. Destination Kohler today announces the exciting return of Jacques



and Claudine Pepin to the 2015 Kohler Food & Wine Experience in October and welcomes award-winning pastry chef Johnny Iuzzini, to headline the annual In Celebration of Chocolate Event in February.

15th Annual Kohler Food & Wine Experience – Oct 22-25, 2015

Jacques and Claudine Pepin will make their third appearance together at the annual Kohler Food & Wine Experience. The culinary duo will help the destination celebration 15 years of historic culinary education and memorable experiences in Kohler. The annual event, which draws thousands of people from around the country to the quaint Village of Kohler, started in 2000 and has quickly become known as the premier Midwest wine, spirits and culinary festival, offering novices and experts the opportunity to learn directly from wine proprietors, interact with celebrity chefs, participate in signature events and enjoy gourmet food and drink samples throughout the weekend.

"When Kohler Food & Wine Experience started 15 years ago, we had every intent of growing it into the premier festival in the Midwest," said Michael Belot, General Manager Destination Kohler. "We were at the forefront of the culinary boom, and we're so thrilled to have helped elevate the food and wine experience for guests interested in immersing themselves while enjoying the unique aspects of a five-star destination. It's exciting to welcome back Jacques and Claudia Pepin who have been fan favorites every time they are here."

The 14th annual Kohler Food & Wine Experience wrapped up this past weekend with a strong line-up of experts including Geoffrey Zakarian, Stephanie Izard, Graham Elliot, Rick Tramonto and Christopher Kimball, who kept audiences entertained and educated. This year, guests attended

from 20 different states, the Stella Artois Main Stage served more than 4,500 samples of food throughout the weekend and there were more than 300 different varieties of wine and spirits available to taste.

In Celebration of Chocolate – Feb 6-8, 2015

For the first time since the chocolate-themed event launched, In Celebration of Chocolate will welcome a celebrity chef to headline the event. James Beard Award winning Pastry Chef and recent head judge of Bravo's culinary competition series "Top Chef: Just Desserts," Johnny Iuzzini, will join The Kitchens of Kohler to celebrate a delicious weekend. Iuzzini has more than 20 years of experience and honed his craft at highly lauded dining locations such as The River Café in Brooklyn, NY along with Daniel, Payard, Café Boulud and Jean Georges in New York City. In addition, he has been recognized as one of the "10 Most Influential Pastry Chefs in America" by Forbes.

In Celebration of Chocolate, a three-day event is modeled after the successful Kohler Food & Wine Experience on a more intimate scale. The weekend includes chocolate-inspired dinners where Chefs use cocoa and chocolates in creative ways throughout the menu; traditional and untraditional pairings with wine, beer, port and cheese; as well as the weekend's signature event at the Kohler Design Center. KOHLER Original Recipe Chocolates, a line of handmade chocolates that Kohler Co. launched in 2007, shines during this weekend soiree allowing guests to taste test the signature and newest creations from the onsite talented Chocolatier.

"We are excited to welcome Johnny Iuzzini to help us celebrate one of the most decadent and delicious weekends at Kohler. His depth of knowledge and expertise is impressive and his enthusiasm is infectious," said Tricia Rathermel, special events manager. "An entire weekend dedicated to chocolate with the backdrop of a five-star resort, spa and distinctive dining, is the perfect winter getaway."

Tickets and Packages

In Celebration of Chocolate hotel packages are available now – <u>Sweet Treat</u> and Chocolate Indulgence – with individual tickets on sale in November. To make reservations, please call 1-800-344-2838.

Tickets for the 15th annual Kohler Food & Wine Experience, the Midwest's premiere wine, spirits and culinary festival, go on sale July 2015 with early offers available to enewsletter subscribers. Subscribe today for information about Destination Kohler and early announcements about Kohler Food & Wine: www.destinationkohler.com/enews.

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About Destination Kohler

The American Club, a 2014 Forbes Five-Star Recipient and the Midwest's only AAA Five-Diamond

resort-hotel was named #3 Golf Resort in North America, by Golf Digest Magazine. The hotel is one of only 44 in North America with both the Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond distinction. Kohler Waters Spa in Kohler, Wisconsin is the first and only Forbes Five-Star spa in Wisconsin and one of 41 spas worldwide to hold this distinction. The resort features 12 dining establishments from the Forbes Four-Star Immigrant Restaurant to traditional pub fare at Horse & Plow and rustic Italian at Cucina. The resort is located in the Village of Kohler, Wisconsin, one hour north of Milwaukee and two and a half hours north of Chicago.

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