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Announcing the 2017 Austin Entertains All-Female Chef Lineup

The Junior League of Austin Presents: Austin Entertains on May 4, 2017

AUSTIN – The Junior League of Austin is pleased to present the lineup of all-female chefs and mixologists to be featured at the first annual <u>Austin Entertains</u> on May 4, 2017 at Brazos Hall.

The evening event will combine tastings from the women who are leading Austin's culinary scene, libations from local mixologists, and music with DJ Mel. All funds raised through this event will benefit The Junior League of Austin and its mission of developing the potential of women and improving the Austin community, by providing essential funding and volunteers to programs such as Coats for Kids and FIT- Food in Tummies along with more than 30 local community non-profits.

A pre-event, Macaron & Merlot, will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at Juliet Ristorante. Austin's most delectable pastry chefs will compete to create their finest version of this classic French dessert.

General Admission and Macaron & Merlot tickets are available at <u>austinentertains.org</u>. Interviews with the Austin Entertains 2017 featured chefs and JLA leadership are available.

Chefs – Austin Entertains Grand Tasting:

Alice Gonzalez, A&A Provisions
Alma Alcocer-Thomas, El Alma
Amanda Pallagi, Four Seasons Hotel Austin
Amanda Rockman, South Congress Hotel
Anabelle Turner, Vox Table
Anndria Jones, Kemuri Tatsuya
Genevieve Young, Omni Barton Creek Resort
Janelle Reynolds, @ large catering
Jennifer Costello, The Bonneville
Mary Catherine Curren, ELM Group
Reina Morris, Buenos Aires Cafe
Robyn Mayo, AT&T Executive Center
Tessa Halstead, Chocolaterie Tessa
Teresa Wilson, Sala & Betty

Other:

Creminelli -Fine Meats Hat Creek Provisions - Fermented Fare

Les Dames De Escoffier - Carol Hunsberger from Quality Seafood The Peached Tortilla

Beverages – Austin Entertains Grand Tasting:

Melissa Strand, Austin Beerworks
Rachel Treadwell, Copper
Terray Glasman, Amadora Tequila
9 Banded Whiskey
Cape Classic Wines
Dripping Springs Gin
Tito's Vodka
Yellow Rose Bourbon
9 Banded Whiskey
Bai Bubbles
Fara Coffee
Fiji Water
Texas Tea

Chefs - Macaron & Merlot:

Ana Keah, Four Seasons Hotel Austin
Angel Begaye, W Hotel
Annabelle Turner, Vox Table
Dee Dee Sanchez, Jack Allen's Kitchen
Emily Davis, Uchi
Erin Fellows, Baked by Amy's
Heidi Swiderski, Make it Sweet
Kattie Davis, Juliet Ristorante
Michelle Arcilla Hall, Second Bar + Kitchen
Soraiya Nagree, Luxe Patisserie

Beverages – Macaron & Merlot:

Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits Jackie Granelli, Dionysus Imports Mandi Nelson, New Waterloo Orazure Hand Roasted Coffee

List of participants subject to change

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The Junior League of Austin

The Junior League of Austin is an organization of more than 2,500 women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. On an annual basis, The Junior League of Austin contributes more than \$800,000 to the Austin community and its members volunteer approximately 150,000 hours with local non-profits. For more information about The Junior League of Austin, call 512-467-8982 or visit www.ilaustin.org.

