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New Austin Culinary Event to Feature Female Chefs

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

AUSTIN – Today The Junior League of Austin announced the inaugural Austin Entertains, a culinary experience led by Austin's greatest female chefs will be held at Brazos Hall on May 4, 2017. The evening event will combine tastings from the women who are leading Austin's culinary scene, libations from local mixologists, and music from 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 volunteer hours 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 April 30, 2017, at Juliet Ristorante. Ten female pastry chefs will compete for the best macaron while some of Austin's most experienced Sommeliers pair these delicious creations with delightful sips of their favorite merlot. Guests will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite Macaron of the evening. Tickets to Macaron & Merlot are \$50.

The grand tasting will be held at Brazos Hall on May 4, 2017. Featured chefs include Alma Alcocer-Thomas, Executive Chef with El Chile Group, Janelle Reynolds, winner of The Food Network's *Chopped*, Amanda Rockman of the South Congress Hotel, and many more. Guests will be treated to the signature flavors that make Austin the entertaining destination it is today.

Austin Entertains will be a night to savor and one you won't want to miss. Tickets go on sale March 22, 2017, at www.austinentertains.org. Individual tickets to the grand tasting are \$120 and VIP passes which include admission to the VIP lounge, a special cocktail reception, access to bubbles service throughout the event, complimentary valet parking and a VIP gift bag are \$160.

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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.jlaustin.org.

