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**MAYOR EMANUEL AND DCASE ANNOUNCE POPULAR RESTAURANT  
POP-UPS RETURN TO THE TASTE OF CHICAGO**

*Twenty Restaurants will "Pop Up" for a Day or Two at Taste; Daily Pop-Up Booth will be Added  
Offering More Dining Options*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) announced today that the 33rd Annual Taste of Chicago, July 10-14 in Grant Park, will once again include the popular feature of Pop-Ups, restaurants that "pop up" for just a day or two during Taste of Chicago. New this year, many of the Pop-Up restaurants, presented by WTTW11's *Check, Please!*, will be on site for two days in a row. Further, an additional daily Pop-Up booth will be presented, offering even more dining options.

"The Pop-Up Restaurant feature was introduced at Taste of Chicago last year as a new way to showcase unique neighborhood restaurants and emerging culinary gems," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "The program was successful last year and we're thrilled to welcome Pop-Ups back along with some new additions, giving residents and visitors a great way to enjoy some of our newer culinary and neighborhood choices during this year's festival."

Taste of Chicago has once again teamed up with WTTW11's *Check, Please!* and creator and Executive Producer David Manilow, who worked to promote participation and to curate the Pop-Ups. *Check, Please!* is seen locally on WTTW, Channel 11 and on [wttw.com/checkplease](http://wttw.com/checkplease).

"We thank WTTW11's *Check, Please!* for partnering with us on the Taste of Chicago Pop-up restaurants," said Michelle T. Boone, Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. "The Pop-Ups were so popular last year that many of the restaurants, all of which

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were new to the Taste of Chicago festival, have returned and some are participating every day. We are also excited to offer a new daily Pop-Up booth offering even more dining options.”

“WTTW and our most popular local series *Check, Please!* are delighted to have a presence at Taste of Chicago again this year,” said Executive Producer VJ McAleer. “We have always sought to engage Chicagoans in the wide variety of dining experiences the city has to offer. Our program’s partnership with this event takes that process one step further, bringing exposure to even more restaurants while giving diners the tactile experience of actually sampling the cuisine,” McAleer added.

New restaurants participating in the Pop-Ups program this year are: Hearty Restaurant, Punky’s Pizza & Pasta, Pecking Order, Taco Joint Urban Taqueria & Cantina, Terzo Piano and Kilwin’s Chocolates. They will be located on Columbus Drive.

Many new menu items will be available, including a Cilantro Garlic Pulled Pork Sandwich from The Hearty Restaurant, Panades from Garifuna Flava, Elotes from Taco Joint, Mini-Lamb Burgers from Terzo Piano and a Garlic Fried Rice Chicken Bowl from Pecking Order.

Pop-Ups accept the same food tickets as five-day restaurants which are sold on site at six ticket booths in strips of 12 for only \$8. Attendees may purchase the tickets in Dominick’s locations for only \$7 beginning July 1-9; remaining ticket strips sell for \$8 when the event opens.

**The lineup of Pop-Up Restaurants is as follows:**

Wednesday, July 10

**Jin Ju**

5203 N. Clark St.

**Hearty Restaurant**

3819 N. Broadway

**Inspiration Kitchen**

3504 W. Lake St.

**Riva**

700 E. Grand Ave.

Thursday, July 11

**Pecking Order**

4416 N. Clark St.

**Hearty Restaurant**

3819 N. Broadway

**Inspiration Kitchen**

3504 W. Lake St.

**Punky’s Pizza & Pasta**

2600 S. Wallace St.

Friday, July 12

**Heartland Café**

7000 N. Glenwood Ave.

**Pecking Order**

4416 N. Clark St.

**Taco Joint Urban Taqueria & Cantina**

158 W. Ontario  
1969 N. Halsted

**Punky's Pizza & Pasta**

2600 S. Wallace St.

Saturday, July 13

**Garifuna Flava**

2516-18 W. 63rd St.

**Terzo Piano**

159 E. Monroe St.

**Café Vienna and Catering**

2523 N. Clark St.

**Taco Joint Urban Taqueria & Cantina**

158 W. Ontario  
1969 N. Halsted

Sunday, July 14

**Terzo Piano**

159 E. Monroe St.

**Garifuna Flava**

2516-18 W. 63rd St.

**Café Vienna and Catering**

2523 N. Clark St.

**Kilwin's Chocolates**

5226 S. Harper

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The 33rd Annual Taste of Chicago is July 10-14 in Grant Park. (Taste of Chicago hours are 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri.; 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sat. and Sun.) For more information on the free admission festival, call 312.744.3316; TTY: 312.744.2964 or visit [tasteofchicago.us](http://tasteofchicago.us). To plan your trip to Chicago, visit [choosechicago.com](http://choosechicago.com). Join the Taste conversation on Facebook at Taste of Chicago and follow us on Twitter, @TasteofChi2013.

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