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MAYOR EMANUEL, DCASE AND THE ILLINOIS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCE
TASTE OF CHICAGO RESTAURANT LINEUP

Diverse Lineup includes 35 Restaurants made up of New Additions and Classic Favorites

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) the Illinois
Restaurant Association (IRA) are pleased to announce a diverse lineup of 35 restaurants that will
participate throughout the highly anticipated, five-day food and entertainment festival Taste of
Chicago, July 10-14 in Grant Park. Taste of Chicago is produced by DCASE in coordination with
the IRA, which manages the food and beverage operation.

“Taste of Chicago is a great long-standing tradition of summer in the city,” said Mayor Emanuel.
“As our culinary reputation has grown on the national stage, this event continues to reflect the
vibrant and diverse restaurant community of Chicago with old favorites and new, exciting
worldwide cuisines. Taste-goers are guaranteed an endless variety of dining options to suit every
palate and I am excited to announce the offerings for this summer.”

Alongside Taste of Chicago’s classic favorites, the 2013 event welcomes several newcomers,
including Bombay Spice Grill & Wine, featuring healthy Indian fare; French Market favorite Flip
Crepes; Lao Ma La Chinese by acclaimed Chef Tony Hu; and the decadent, Southern-inspired
Wishbone Restaurant. Additionally, after taking part in last year’s crowd-pleasing pop-up
pavilion, both Beat Kitchen and Caffe Gelato return in 2013 as five-day participants.
All vendors will showcase signature menu items, as well as the popular “Taste Of” portions priced at $2.50 or less, allowing guests the opportunity to sample an even greater variety of items. Many will also include Humana Healthier Choice selections for those seeking lighter options.

Admission to Taste of Chicago is free, and tickets for food and beverages can be purchased in strips of 12 tickets for $8. Tickets will also be available for purchase beginning July 1 at Dominick’s grocery stores throughout the Chicagoland area.

“Taste of Chicago truly embodies the city’s dynamic culinary scene,” said Sam Toia, President of the Illinois Restaurant Association. “In keeping with Taste tradition, attendees can expect to explore both long-standing favorites as well as new vendors, many of whose restaurants have been rooted in Chicago for decades. Together, they represent our town’s rich cultures and neighborhoods.”

Whether craving the robust flavors found in African, American, Caribbean, Chinese, German, Indian, Italian, Thai and Vietnamese cuisine – and more – Chicagoans and visitors won’t want to miss this lineup:

**Abbey Pub & Restaurant**
3420 W. Grace St.

**Bacino’s of Lincoln Park**
2204 N. Lincoln Ave.

**Beat Kitchen**
2100 W. Belmont Ave.

**Billy Goat Inn**
1535 W. Madison St.

**BJ’s Market & Bakery**
8734 S. Stony Island Ave.

**Bobak Sausage Co.**
5725 S. Archer Ave.
Bombay Spice Grill & Wine
450 N. Clark St.

Caffe Gelato
2034 W. Division St.

Carbon Live Fire Mexican Grill
300 W. 26th St.

Churro Factory
3755 W. Armitage St.

Connie’s Pizza
2371 S. Archer Ave.

Cubby Bear Lounge, Ltd.
1059 W. Addison St.

Dominick’s
Chicagoland Locations

Eli’s Cheesecake
6701 W. Forest Preserve Dr.

Flip Crepes
131 N. Clinton. St., Suite 12

Franco’s Ristorante
300 W. 31st St.

The Fudge Pot
1532 N. Wells St.

Gold Coast Dogs
225 S. Canal St.

Iyanze
4623 N. Broadway St.
Kasia's Deli
2101 W. Chicago Ave.

Lao Ma La Chinese Restaurant
2017 S. Wells St.

Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria
805 S. State St.

The Noodle Vietnamese
2336 S. Wentworth Ave.

Oak Street Beach Café
5700 S. Cicero Ave.

O’Briens Restaurant
1528 N. Wells St.

Original Rainbow Cone
9233 S. Western Ave.

Pazzo’s Cucina Italiana
23 E. Jackson St.

Ricobene’s on 26th St.
252 W. 26th St.

Robinson’s No. 1 Ribs
201 N. Clark St.

The Smoke Daddy
1804 W. Division St.

Star of Siam
11 E. Illinois St.

Tuscany
1014 W. Taylor St.

Tutto Italiano
501 S. Wells St.

Vee-Vee's African Restaurant
6232 N. Broadway St.

Wishbone Restaurant
1001 W. Washington Blvd.

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. Join the Taste conversation on Facebook at Taste of Chicago and follow us on Twitter, @TasteofChi2013.

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About the Illinois Restaurant Association
Founded in 1914, the Illinois Restaurant Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, protecting, educating and improving the restaurant industry in Illinois. The Association manages the food and beverage portion of Taste of Chicago for the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. Visit illinoisrestaurants.org and follow up Facebook and Twitter.

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