

# News Release

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## Line-Up of Chefs Announced for “Hail to Chef’s” Event

*(Area’s finest to be at this year’s preview party for Taste of Hudson)*

**April 25, 2008 -- Hudson, Ohio** – A stunning line-up of some of the area’s finest chefs has been announced for this year’s Hail to the Chefs event. To be held on Saturday, May 31, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Hudson Library and Historical Society, Hail to the Chefs, is a gala, semi-formal affair to preview some of the chefs at this year’s Taste of Hudson. The line-up at Hail will feature the following chefs and restaurants:

Emilio Nunez	Emilio’s Restaurant & Lounge
Roger Thomas	Piatto Novo
Rick Carson	Vue Restaurant and Lounge
Heinz Yee	Otani
Paul Iannaggi	D’Angelo’s Italian Ristorante
Aaron Ruggles	Bistro On Main
Don Bitter	Old Whedon Grill
Andrew Jackson	Taste of Laurel Lake
John, JJ and Kevin Altomare and Robb Perez	Hudson’s Restaurant on the Green

“This is a remarkable line-up of chefs from our area and we are extremely thrilled to showcase their talents at this wonderful, gala event,” said Carrie Gynn, Chairwoman for the event.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with an out-of-doors wine tasting under a beautifully decorated tent featuring several celebrated wines. Attendees will be treated to the sounds of pianist Jim Henning. At 8 p.m., the event will move indoors where the chefs will showcase some of the foods they will serve at Taste of Hudson while guests enjoy tunes from the Dallas Coffey Jazz Trio.

The evening will also feature a limited silent auction featuring only exceptional, unusual items, and a special gift for every guest. Wines selected by the Cleveland Wine School will be poured throughout the evening and there will be a decadent dessert selection prepared by the Western Reserve School of Cooking,

Importantly, Hail to the Chefs, like Taste of Hudson, will benefit the Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County. Hail to the Chefs is sponsored by Akron Children's Hospital, Windstream Communications and Laurel Lake Retirement Community with support from Allstate Insurance. The second annual "Children at Heart" award will be presented to an individual, couple or organization that has devoted their career to the betterment of our children. Last year's award was presented to Bill and Becky Considine for their outstanding work at Akron Children's Hospital on behalf of this special cause.

Tickets are \$100 each and available by advance reservation only. Ticket information is available online at [www.tasteofhudson.com](http://www.tasteofhudson.com).

The committee for Hail to the Chefs, led by Gynn, includes Billie Henning, president and owner of Henning Software, Jan Gusich, president and owner of Akhia Public Relations, Vicki Parisi and Lisa Pardi from Akron Children's Hospital, Andy Malitz, Jim Hackney, Julie Kodastky, Sue Hutchinson, Lynn Nelson and Lori Bird. Hail to the Chefs honorary Co-Chairs include Rusty Hopkins, Windstream Communications, Bill & Becky Considine, Akron Children's Hospital and Kathy Chadwick-Koke, Laurel Lake Retirement Community.

This year's Taste of Hudson will be held Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, August 31 and Monday, September 1.

*Taste of Hudson is a Rotary Club of Hudson Clocktower event. The event is organized by volunteers within the community in order to promote the Hudson downtown restaurant and retail district, and to showcase the community of Hudson. Funds from the event support The Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County and several Hudson-based agencies and programs. For sponsor and exhibitor information contact Andy Malitz @ [amalitz2@yahoo.com](mailto:amalitz2@yahoo.com). For restaurant information contact Carrie Gynn at [viaosu@adelphia.net](mailto:viaosu@adelphia.net). Artists, entertainers, advertisers and volunteer information is available at [www.tasteofhudson.com](http://www.tasteofhudson.com).*