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Restaurants Announced for “Hail to the Chefs” Preview Party - Saturday, May 30

May 12, 2009 – Hudson, Ohio –Hail to the Chefs, a preview party for Taste of Hudson, has announced this year’s restaurant lineup for the gala, fundraising event to be held Saturday, May 30, from 7-11 p.m. at the Hudson Library and Historical Society. The list includes some of the area’s finest chefs serving up preview samples of their selections for Taste of Hudson, the two-day food and entertainment festival to be held on Labor Day weekend. The line-up of chefs and restaurants for the Hail to the Chefs event includes:

Chef Rick Carson, Vue Restaurant

Chef Roger Thomas, Piatto Novo Restaurant & Lounge

Chef Brand Brandt Evans, Blue Canyon

Chef Heinz Yee and Chris Porter, Otani’s Japanese

Chef John, Kevin, and JJ Altomare, Hudson’s on the Green

Chef Don and DJ Bitter, Old Whedon Grill

Chef John, Kevin, and JJ Altomare , Three Foodies

Chef Andrew Jackson, A Taste of Laurel Lake

Chef Marc D’Antonio, Acme Fresh Market

“We are extremely proud of the talented chefs who will take part of this very special event, which benefits Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County,” said Carrie Gynn, event chair.

The event begins at 7 p.m. with an out-of-doors fine wine and select beer-tasting garden. The wines are selected by the Cleveland School of Wine and will be accompanied by a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres until 8 p.m. At 8 p.m., the event will move indoors where the aforementioned chefs will showcase some of the foods they will serve at Taste of Hudson on Labor Day weekend, September 6-7, 2009.

The evening will also feature a coffee station and delicious desserts by Hudson's renowned Western Reserve School of Cooking, a limited silent auction featuring only exceptional, unusual items, and a special gift for every guest. Attendees will be treated to the sounds of The Fabulous VOICES Band throughout the evening with dancing under the stars until 11 p.m.

Honorary Co-Chairs are William Considine, president & CEO of Akron Children's Hospital, Steve Albrecht, president of ACME Fresh Markets, Kathy Chadwick-Koke, VP Marketing of Laurel Lake Retirement Community and Rusty Hopkins, Area Manager of Windstream Communications.

Importantly, Hail to the Chefs, like Taste of Hudson, will benefit the Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County and other local charities. Tickets are by reservation only, and information with a downloadable order form, is available online at www.tasteofhudson.com. Ticket prices are \$100 per person.

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