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Renowned Chefs Kick Off Annual Scottsdale Culinary Festival

“Friends of James Beard” dinner comes to Westin Kierland Resort & Spa April 8

What: SRP presents the “Friends of James Beard” dinner, a once-in-a-lifetime collaborative dinner featuring seven nationally renowned James Beard Award-winning chefs, kicking off the 30th annual Scottsdale Culinary Festival.

This unforgettable dining experience will feature

Chef Alan Wong - Alan Wong Restaurant, Honolulu,

Chef Bradford Thompson - Formerly Mary Elaine’s, Scottsdale

Chef Alex Stratta- Alex at the Wynn, Las Vegas

Chef John Sundstrom - Lark, Seattle

Chef Douglas Rodriguez – Deseo, Scottsdale; as well as Miami, Philadelphia and Chicago concepts

Chef Nancy Silverton- La Brea Bread, Los Angeles

Chef Michael Cimarusti- The Providence, Los Angeles

Each will prepare one exquisite course, using the skills and vision that earned them the coveted James Beard Award, complete with carefully selected wine pairings. Guests will also have the opportunity to meet the featured chefs and local James Beard Award winners at an intimate reception. **Chef Robert McGrath** of restaurant REM in Scottsdale will be the emcee for the evening.

When: Tuesday, April 8, 2008
Reception 6 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Where: The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa
6902 East Greenway Parkway
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
800.354.5892

Attire: Cocktail

Cost: Tickets are \$250 per person
For more information, call the Scottsdale League Office at (480) 945-7193 or visit www.ScottsdaleCulinaryFestival.org

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