

Scottsdale Culinary Festival

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Scottsdale Culinary Festival Delivers 30 Years of the Best in Food, Wine, and Music Scottsdale Culinary Festival – April 8 - 13, 2008

Who: Foodies, culinary conquistadors and anyone looking to savor great flavors and soak in the sights and scents of one of the country's most delicious festivals

What: **30th Annual Scottsdale Culinary Festival.**

The sights, sounds and incomparable tastes of the Southwest's premier culinary festival returns for its 30th year as the nation's longest-running culinary celebration. Presented by *The Arizona Republic*, the Scottsdale Culinary Festival's 2008 edition reaches new heights with a mixture of soirees, such as the prestigious **Friends of James Beard Benefit Dinner**, Food & Wine's Best New Chefs dinner, the sumptuous **Wine Country Brunch**, and a series of gourmet get-togethers hosted by *Food & Wine* magazine, with proceeds benefiting the performing art programs around the Valley.

Visitors will indulge in food and drink from nationally renowned chefs and guest sommeliers, enjoy music from acclaimed bands and party with celebrities during the six-day celebration located in the heart of Scottsdale. Can't miss food-forward gatherings include **the Eat, Drink and Be Pretty party** and the "Iron Chef"-like culinary cook-off, **Challenge to the Chefs**. The Festival's signature event, **Great Arizona Picnic** is a music- and food-fueled two-day gathering on the grass-lined grounds of the Scottsdale Center for the Arts.

Tickets range from \$5-\$275. Scottsdale League for the Arts can be reached at 480.945.7193. Information is available on the Web at www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org.

The 2008 Scottsdale Culinary Festival's bill of fare will include:

"Friends of James Beard" Dinner
Food & Wine's Best New Chefs Dinner
Culinary Hall of Fame Awards Dinner
"On the Rocks" & "Off the Rocks"
Eat, Drink and Be Pretty Party
Chef Wine Dinners

Great Arizona Picnic
Cooks & Corks
Southwest Festival of Beers
Wine Country Brunch
Best of the Fest

When: April 8-13, 2008

Where: Locations throughout Scottsdale.

Why: Since 1992 the Scottsdale League for the Arts (SLA), the nonprofit organization behind the 30th Annual Scottsdale Culinary Festival, has contributed more than \$2.5 million to numerous organizations benefiting children, including The Phoenix Symphony, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Arts in Education Council, and Phoenix Boys Choir. SLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization made up of concerned and caring individuals who invest their time and effort to raise funds for the arts and art education programs.

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