



MEDIA ADVISORY

July 8, 2009

29 Pastry Chefs to Compete for "Best Fruit Tart" Medaille d'Or
The 2nd Annual Concours de Tartes aux Fruits, Presented by Alliance Française, to be held at Oregon Culinary Institute on Wednesday, July 8

Portland, Ore. - Twenty-nine of Portland's premier pastry chefs will prepare their finest fruit tarts this Wednesday, July 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the second annual "Le Concours de Tartes aux Fruits." Presented by the Portland branch of the Alliance Française, the competition will be held at Oregon Culinary Institute, located at 1701 SW Jefferson Street in Portland.

Bakeries and restaurants represented in the competition will include Beaverton Bakery, Carafe, Castagna, Fenouil, La Joconde, MetroVino, Nuvrei Fine Cakes and Pastries, Petite Provence Bakery & Bistro (winner of 2008 Concours), Paley's Place, St. Honoré Boulangerie, The Heathman Restaurant, The Original and Urban Farmer. Eight student chefs who have trained with Chef Robert Parks at the Oregon Culinary Institute will also prepare tarts.

The winner will receive a Medaille d'Or, to be presented at Portland's Bastille Day Festival, which will be held Saturday, July 11, noon to 8 p.m., at Jamison Park in the Pearl District.

Admission to the Concours is \$20 and reaps a sampling of the tarts, and tastings of French sparkling and dessert wines. Following the event attendees may attend an optional four-course dinner at 7 p.m. prepared by Oregon Culinary Institute students, for \$18.

Reservations are advised for the tart competition and the dinner, as space is limited. Call (503) 223-8388, or send an email to info@afportland.org.

The Alliance Française de Portland is a nonprofit cultural and educational organization with an annual enrollment of 800 students in French classes held at the historic Kamm House in downtown Portland, and a proud sponsor of French-themed social and cultural events in the Portland metropolitan area. For more information about the Alliance Française, go to <http://www.afportland.org>

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WHEN: Wednesday, July 8, 2009
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Oregon Culinary Institute
1701 SW Jefferson Street
Portland, Ore., 97201
(503) 961-6200
www.oregonculinaryinstitute.com

WHY: The Concours is in anticipation of Bastille Day. Portland is home to a plethora of fine pastry chefs. Tarts are a delicious and spectacular way to present summer fruit.

WHO: 29 pastry chefs from the Portland area.

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