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BILTMORE INTERNATIONAL FOOD & WINE WEEKEND

Presented by the Cellar Club at The Biltmore Hotel

April 30 - May 2, 2004

Coral Gables, FL. -- The Cellar Club at the Biltmore Hotel presents the 8th Annual **Biltmore International Food & Wine Weekend** to benefit the **University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center**. This boutique event will feature all reserve, single vineyard, upper tier wines, and a cast of all female celebrity chefs. Over the past seven years, the annual event has marked South Florida's passionate dedication to fine food, wine, and charitable causes and successfully raised over \$5 million for South Florida charities.

A destination weekend event, the Biltmore International Food & Wine Event will blend celebrity chefs and comedy relief with spectacular wineries and a sensational musical performance. The weekend will kick off with the Inaugural Anne Bennett Memorial Golf Classic on Friday, April 30th at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Grand Wine & Food Tasting featuring 25 award-winning restaurants and 30 wineries Friday night, and culminating with the Margaret Cho "The Revolution Tour" show at 10:00 p.m. The wines poured at the tasting event will be available for purchase at special pricing through Chip Cassidy of Crown Wine & Spirits.

Saturday's festivities will showcase a spectacular Winemaker Dinner with a musical performance by "Manhattan Transfer," while the nation's top celebrity female chefs, six "Kitchen Divas" host a night to remember. Performing in the kitchen will be Jody Adams of Rialto, Boston; Melissa Kelly of Primo and Main, Orlando; Emily Luchetti of Farallon, San Francisco; Carmen Gonzalez of Carmen the Restaurant, Coral Gables; Nancy Silverton of La Brea Bakery and Campanile, Los Angeles; and Maria Manso of Asia de Cuba, San Francisco. Truly a starry night.

Sunday, May 2nd expect an innovative Interactive Culinary Fest featuring the six "Kitchen Divas" with the event's famous Silent Auction and an Interactive Culinary Luncheon with tables hosted by some of the world's most dignified wineries.

The event will also be of particular appeal to wine collectors and connoisseurs from around the world, with all signature events held in the Biltmore's majestic Country Club Ballroom. The primary motivation of the **Biltmore International Food & Wine Weekend** will, as always, be philanthropic - with a secondary commitment to the celebration and showcasing of unparalleled gastronomic excellence.

Schedule Highlights:

Inaugural Anne Bennett Memorial Golf Classic on Friday, April 30, 2004, Scramble format and shotgun start. Breakfast at 19th Hole, and a barbecue lunch on the back lawn terrace, limited to 144 participants. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with tee off at 8:15 a.m.; barbecue at 1:00 p.m. Price: \$150 per person - \$600 per foursome - \$1,000 per corporate sponsorship (foursome).

Grand Wine & Food Tasting on Friday, April 30, 2004 features 30 Winery Tables and 25 Restaurants in the Country Club Ballroom and Terrace. Time & Price: Tasting for Trade & Press only from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; VIP Preview Tasting from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Price- \$150; General Consumer Tasting from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Price is \$95 general public and \$75 for non-members.

Wine & Giggles with Margaret Cho “The Revolution Tour” on Friday, April 30, 2004 in the Granada Ballroom at 10:00 p.m. Prices: Preferred seating - \$125 general public and \$110 for Cellar Club members. General seating- \$95 general public and \$85 for Cellar Club members.

Winemaker Dinner, Six “Kitchen Divas” & Musical Performance by “Manhattan Transfer” on Saturday, May 1, 2004 in the Country Club Ballroom with a 7:00 p.m. Reception & 8:00 p.m. Dinner/Show. Prices: \$295 general public and \$275 for Cellar Club members. Celebrity Chefs Jody Adams -- Rialto, Boston; Melissa Kelly - Primo and Main, Orlando; Emily Luchetti -- Farallon, San Francisco; Carmen Gonzalez -- Carmen the Restaurant, Coral Gables; Nancy Silverton -- La Brea Bakery and Campanile, Los Angeles; and Maria Manso --Asia de Cuba, San Francisco.

Interactive Culinary Fest featuring Six “Kitchen Divas”& Silent Auction Interactive Culinary Luncheon with Winery Hosted Tables on Sunday, May 2, 2004 in the Country Club Ballroom beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a Champagne reception followed by Lunch at noon. Prices: \$150 general public and \$135 for Cellar Club members.

UM/Sylvester was founded in 1992 to provide comprehensive cancer services and is the hub for cancer-related research, diagnosis, and treatment at the University of Miami School of Medicine. “We’re especially pleased to offer this fund raising opportunity to Dr. Jerry Goodwin and his research team at UM/Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center for next year’s event,” said Gene Prescott, president of the Biltmore Hotel.

“We’re very appreciative, as the Biltmore’s festival has realized tremendous success over the years,” stated Dr. Jerry Goodwin, UM/Sylvester’s director. “We look forward to next year with great anticipation.”

Built in 1926, The Biltmore Hotel is a national historic landmark property offering luxury accommodations and 76,000 square feet of meeting facilities, as well as a championship 18-hole golf course, tennis facilities, spa, fitness center, a premier membership wine club-The Cellar Club, and the largest hotel swimming pool in the continental United States. The Biltmore is located at 1200 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

For further festival information, contact the Cellar Club at 305-913-3203 or visit www.thecellarclub.com.

