

British royal chef highlights 8th annual Lombardi Food & Wine Experience Nov 3-5

3-day food and wine event benefits cancer care, research and education at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic locations throughout eastern Wisconsin

The 2011 Lombardi Food and Wine Experience welcomes Royal Chef Darren McGrady, private chef to Princess Diana and who also served Queen Elizabeth II, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princes' William and Harry. The three-day food and wine event takes place in downtown Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 3-5.

The event kicks off on Thursday, Nov 3 with the *Connoisseur Room* at the University Club, featuring a selection of premium wines and mouth-watering food. Friday night, the festivities continue with the *Food & Wine Tasting Gala* featuring more than 25 regional restaurants and many wineries including Duckhorn Vineyards and Domaine Serene, and *Late Night at the Rouge*, an after hours gathering with sweets, martinis and music all at the historic Pfister Hotel.

At the signature event of the weekend, the *Celebrity Chef and Wine Dinner*, Chef McGrady will prepare a multi-course meal paired with wines provided and specially selected by winemakers from Truchard Vineyards of Napa Valley, as well as others.

This year's limited edition raffle entitled "Lombardi Uncorks Vegas" offers a chance to win a luxury trip for two to Las Vegas and experience culinary delights throughout the city. Tickets are one for \$25 or five for \$100.

Tickets for the *Connoisseur Room* are \$125. Tickets for the *Food & Wine Tasting Gala* are \$95 in advance; \$100 at the door. A combined ticket for the *Connoisseur Room* and *Tasting Gala* may be purchased for \$175. Tickets to *Late Night at the Rouge* are \$25 in advanced; \$30 at the door. Tickets for the *Celebrity Chef and Wine Dinner* are \$250 per person.

All proceeds from the 2011 Lombardi Food & Wine Experience will benefit Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) volunteer organization with the sole purpose of raising funds for the education, research and patient care at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis., as well as satellite clinics throughout eastern Wisconsin. To date the organization has raised over \$14,000,000 through fundraising events.

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