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THE 4TH ANNUAL MARTHA'S VINEYARD FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

Celebrating Sea, Farm and Vine

Edgartown, MA (July, 2010)—The 4th Annual Martha's Vineyard Food & Wine Festival is gearing up for another rich season of harvest. This year's gastronomical event will take place on October 15-16th. This island-wide event will include a cooking class, wine seminars, and a Grand Tasting at the elegant Boathouse Field Club in Edgartown.

Boston magazine and the Business Communities of Martha's Vineyard are partnering up this year to help promote chefs from around the Island and beyond, as well as wine from around the world. The event is most notable for its local harvests from both sea and Island farms. Andy Husbands of Tremont 647, Boston and Rob Bokinz of the Boathouse Field Club, Edgartown are serving as the 2010 Co-Presenting Chefs. This year's festival brings culinary cuisine from signature chefs including Dave Martin, a semifinalist from the Inaugural season of Bravo's Top Chef. He will be joined by renowned Sake sommelier Nancy Cushman and Chef Tim Cushman of o ya in Boston. Wine Makers will also be on hand to participate in the festivities including Joseph Carr of Joseph Carr Wines and Valerie Rousselle –Riboud of Chateau Roubine.

"This event is truly a special one, " said Carol McManus, long-time island resident , owner of Espresso Love and Festival Co-chair. "What people don't know or understand is our dining scene, island-wide, is an intimate group of some of the world's leading chefs. More importantly, these chefs know the importance of supporting the local fisherman and farms. We care about the food we set out on the table. We care about supporting our community. This is not a food and wine trade show; this is about the art of food and wine and the heart and soul of a strong, healthy food industry."

"Andy and I are very much looking forward to another successful year," said Co-Presenting Chef Rob Bokinz. "This event is more than a food and wine festival—this is teaching guests about the kinds of foods we need to be putting into our bodies. What you see on the plate is simply presentation, but what you put in your mouth is the creation of hearty, organic meat, fish and produce from around the Vineyard and New England. It's what the core of this festival is all about and we are proud to present our food and hospitality industry here on the island through this extraordinary event."

Over twenty restaurants, from the Island and beyond, will prepare culinary delights for our guests. Attendees will sample cuisine from the Beach Plum Inn, Menemsha, D tente, Edgartown, Espresso Love, Edgartown, Sweet Life Caf , Oak Bluffs, Atlantic Fish & Chophouse, Edgartown, Home Port Restaurant, Menemsha, o ya, Boston, Tremont 647, Boston, Dbar Boston, Ginger Park, Boston, and La Morra, Boston just to name a few.

For a schedule of events, venues, seminar descriptions, volunteer information and tickets, please visit www.mvfoodandwine.com. Tickets are also on sale at www.mvol.com.