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PRESS RELEASE

TASTE OF TIMES SQUARE, TIMES SQUARE'S ANNUAL OUTDOOR CELEBRATION OF FOOD AND MUSIC, LAUNCHES A WEEK-LONG PROMOTION OF LOCAL RESTAURANTS

26 RESTAURANTS WILL OFFER A \$35 3-COURSE PRIX FIXE MENU FROM JUNE 7–14 FOR A VARIETY OF DINING OPTIONS

(Times Square, N.Y. – June 7, 2021) – The Times Square Alliance announces the launch of Taste of Times Square Week today, which begins Monday, June 7 and will run through Monday, June 14. The weeklong promotion supports local businesses who have struggled to serve customers during the pandemic and welcomes people back to Times Square as we await the return of Broadway. During Taste of Times Square Week, the twenty-six participating restaurants will feature a special three-course prix fixe menu — appetizers, entrées, and dessert — for only \$35 (beverages, tax, and tip not included). Diners can sit indoors or outdoors or get their food delivered or to go as the restaurant offers. Details about participating restaurants (also listed below) and their menus can be found at www.TSq.org/Taste. Taste of Times Square Week is presented in partnership with SEATED and sponsored by T-Mobile.

"On average, we are now seeing 180,000 daily pedestrians in Times Square and are thrilled to continue welcoming back New Yorkers and visitors to the neighborhood, emerging from the pandemic hungry to experience Times Square's amazing restaurants," said **Tom Harris, President of the Times Square Alliance**. "Take this opportunity to eat your way through Times Square and enjoy the live entertainment as the district comes alive this spring."

To enhance your dining experience, Tony's Di Napoli will be activating the plaza at 43rd Street and Broadway with a pop-up, outdoor cafe area, complete with old-school checkered tablecloths and family-style Italian cuisine so that you can dine under the lights and signs of Times Square. Tony's Di Napoli is accepting both reservations (212-221-0100) and walk ins for this unique dining experience.

To continue the tradition of live music at Taste, we have partnered with the <u>Hell's Kitchen Happiness Krewe</u>, which uses artistic and musical performances to spread joy through the neighborhood and drive revenue to restaurants and other small businesses. These performances will pop up throughout the week in front of participating restaurants and will continue to employ artists and musicians who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

In addition to these pop-up performances, we will also showcase *Brand New Day,* featuring musical performances, a fashion runway show, and dancing in the streets on <u>Friday, June 11 at 11am on the Broadway Plaza between 43rd and 44th Streets. Hosted by NY1's Frank DiLella and a surprise celebrity guest, this event will include dances choreographed by James Alonzo and "Pose" star / choreographer Jason A. Rodriguez, musical performances, and a live fashion runway show featuring summer looks from Macy's private brands modeled by some of Broadway's brightest stars.</u>

The Times Square Alliance has been supporting local restaurants through Taste of Times Square for the past 26 years. This past October the event pivoted to a weeklong promotion, which continues with this iteration.

Footage and interviews can be arranged by contacting TJ Witham at the Times Square Alliance: tjwitham@timessquarenyc.org or 212-452-5234. For a complete set of media assets including photos from individual restaurants as well as photo and video from last year's Taste of Times Square please click here.

Follow @TimesSquareNYC on Twitter (www.facebook.com/TimesSquareNYC) or Instagram (www.instagram.com/TimesSquareNYC) for details and join the conversation on social media with #TasteTSq.

Participating restaurants:

Barbetta Restaurant ICHIRAN

BarDough Jasmine's Caribbean Cuisine

Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Le Rivage

Charlie Palmer Steak NYC O'Donoghue's Bar & Restaurant

Dos Caminos M Social Times Square Friedman's Pasta Lovers Trattoria Gallaghers Steakhouse Playwright Celtic Club

Hard Rock Cafe P.S. Kitchen

Haru Times Square Saar Indian Bistro and Bar

Havana Central Seamore's Market Bar & Restaurant

Hold Fast Tito Murphy's
House of Brews Tony's Di Napoli
Hurley's Saloon Trattoria Trecolori

For calendar listings:

Taste of Times Square Week

DATES: June 7 – 14, 2021

TIME: Check restaurant hours for specific timing

PLACE: each participating restaurant (see above or visit www.TSQ.org/Taste)

PRICE: \$35 prix fixe menu (visit www.TSQ.org/Taste for details)

Brand New Day

DATE: Friday, June 11, 2021

TIME: 11:00 am

PLACE: Broadway Plaza between 43rd and 44th Streets

PRICE: FREE

About Times Square Alliance

The Times Square Alliance works to improve and promote Times Square - cultivating the creativity, energy and edge that have made the area an icon of entertainment, culture and urban life for over a century. Founded in 1992, the Alliance keeps the neighborhood clean and safe, promotes local businesses, manages area improvements and produces major annual events with partners including New Year's Eve, Solstice in Times Square and Taste of Times Square. As the custodians of Times Square, the Alliance works every day to improve the quality of life for the neighborhood residents and businesses while driving economic growth in New York City. www.TSq.org

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About Hell's Kitchen Happiness Krewe

The Hell's Kitchen Happiness Krewe outdoor Musical pop up program was created in the summer of 2020 by Theatre Producer, Holly-Anne Devlin through her company KALEIDOSCOPE ENTERTAINMENT, in response to the Covid-19 crisis. The Krewe employs artists in a variety of disciplines and brings attention to the needs of small businesses in Hell's Kitchen, an area that has been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 due to the reliance of tourism from the theatre district.

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