PRESS RELEASE

EXTENDED THROUGH NOVEMBER 1:

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

17 RESTAURANTS WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER A \$35 3-COURSE PRIX FIXE MENU <u>THROUGH NOVEMBER 1</u> FOR A VARIETY OF DINING OPTIONS

(Times Square, N.Y. – October 28, 2020) The Times Square Alliance today announced today that their Taste of Times Square Week will be extended through the weekend after a successful start to the week. The promotion will be available at 17 restaurants (listed below) through Sunday, November 1.

Taste of Times Square Week is a twist on the 26 year tradition of Taste of Times Square, the annual outdoor food and music festival on 46th Street which offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy dishes from restaurants across the district and performances from a wide range of the city's musical talent. Now in its 27th year, the festival has pivoted to **TASTE OF TIMES SQUARE WEEK** to support local businesses struggling to serve customers during a global pandemic. During Taste of Times Square Week, the twenty participating restaurants will feature a special Taste of Times Square three-course prix fixe menu — appetizers, entrées, and dessert — for only \$35 (beverages, tax, and tip not included). Diners can sit indoors or outdoors, compliant with New York State COVID-19 dining regulations, or get their food delivered or to go as the restaurant offers. **The promotion kicked off** <u>Friday, October 23 and has been</u> <u>extended through Sunday November 1</u>. Details about participating restaurants (also listed below) and their menus can be found at <u>www.TSq.org/Taste</u>.

"Every June for the past 26 years, we have celebrated international cuisine and live music in Times Square through a multi-block festival," said **Tim Tompkins, President of the Times Square Alliance**. "Our event looks different this year but supporting our restaurants hasn't changed. We call New Yorkers and visitors who are #AllInNYC to Times Square to explore these fabulous restaurants that are safely welcoming guests with delicious food."

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 familystyle Italian cuisine so that you can dine under the lights and signs of Times Square. This unique dining experience is available by reservation only and can be arranged by contacting Tony's directly at: 212-221-0100.

To continue the tradition of live music at Taste, we have partnered with the Hell's Kitchen Happiness Krewe, which uses artistic and musical performances to spread joy through the neighborhood and drive revenue to restaurants and other small businesses. They engage the community in song, dance, and visual art, all while wearing masks and remaining socially distanced. 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.

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

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Participating restaurants extending through November 1:

An'nam BarDough Bareburger Ellen's Stardust Diner Gallaghers Steakhouse Havana Central Hold Fast Kitchen & Spirits Le Rivage Pasta Lovers Trattoria Patzeria Perfect Pizza Playwright Celtic Club Russian Samovar Swing 46 Jazz & Supper Club Tito Murphy's Toloache Restaurant Tony's Di Napoli Trattoria Trecolori

Participating Restaurants through October 30:

Joe Allen Seamore's Takeover @ Urbanspace Dos Caminos

For calendar listings:

DATES:	October 23 – November 1, 2020
TIME:	Check restaurant hours for specific timing
PLACE:	each participating restaurant (see above or visit <u>www.TSQ.org/Taste</u>)
PRICE:	\$35* prix fixe menu (visit <u>www.TSQ.org/Taste</u> for details)

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.

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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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