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THINK EVENTS

SOBEWFF
Celebrates Its
Sweet 16 with

A TASTE OF FORT LAUDERDALE



Widely recognized as one of America's favorite epicurean celebrations, the Food Network & Cooking Channel South Beach Wine & Food Festival (SOBEWFF), returns February 22 – 26 with a star-studded line-up of talent and events. The 16th Annual Festival includes an array of unique dinner experiences, signature tastings, late-night parties, seminars, and more, taking place at locations throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

As the biggest celebration of all things food and wine in South Florida, SOBEWFF features more than 350 chefs, winemakers, spirits producers, celebrities, and culinary personalities throughout the event. Expanding into Broward County for the third year in a row, the Taste Fort Lauderdale Series will showcase some of the hottest chefs, savory bites and tantalizing

the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Oceans 234 and Wild Sea Oyster Bar and Grille, to name a few. The celebrations continue with the festival's new late night soiree DRINK Fort Lauderdale: Cocktail Time Machine Experience taking place in the area's prominent FATVillage arts district. Sip your way through history with cocktail recipes stemming from the 1920's to the present and bars themed to fit different decades. The best mixologists from Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach will be creating craft cocktails for guests to enjoy along with scrumptious bites from a selection of South Florida's trendiest food trucks and carts specially curated by South Florida's very own, Burger Beast.

Closing out the Taste of Fort Lauderdale Series will be the return of the one-and-only Bloody Mary Brunch with new hosts David Burkta & Neil Patrick Harris. For those looking to enjoy a more relaxed side of the

Festival, a number of intimate dinner experiences will round out the series on the Gold Coast, including a dinner hosted by Valerie Bertinelli, Daphne Oz, Tiffani Thiessen, and Geoffrey Zakarian taking place in his new restaurant Point Royal at the Diplomat Resort & Spa; A North Carolina Sisterhood dinner hosted by Ashley Christensen, Vivian Howard, Andrea Reusing, Gavin Pera and Ryan Cross taking place at Burlock Coast inside The Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale – the city's first AAA Five Diamond

“THE BROWARD COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SO WELCOMING – INCLUDING THE GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU AND THE BEACH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – AND WE’RE HAPPY TO BE BACK.”

libations the region has to offer. “We’re looking forward to the second annual Taste Fort Lauderdale Series as part of the 2017 Festival, especially with the addition of our first late-night party, DRINK Fort Lauderdale: Cocktail Time Machine Experience, at FATVillage,” noted Festival founder and director Lee Brian Schragar.

Kicking off the Taste Fort Lauderdale Series in style is the second annual Seaside Eats hosted by Anne Burrell at the historic Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. Event attendees can enjoy an assortment of sea-inspired fare by more than fifteen of Broward County's best restaurants including Kuro at

hotel; dinner hosted by Amanda Freitag and Angelo Elia at Casa D'Angelo Ristorante and a dinner hosted by Marc Murphy and Chris Miracolo at the Sun Surf & Sand (S3) Restaurant.

All proceeds from the Food Network & Cooking Channel South Beach Wine & Food Festival help educate the future leaders of the hospitality industry by benefiting the Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Florida International University. To date, the Festival has raised more than \$24 million for the School. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit www.sobefest.com or call 877-762-3933. ■