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**AMERICAN CULINARY CLASSIC WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT
PRESS CONFERENCE AND AWARDS RECEPTION MAY 22**

American Culinary Classic is largest, most prestigious international culinary competition in U.S.

WHAT: Press conference and awards reception to announce the winners of the American Culinary Classic, the most prestigious international culinary competition in the United States, taking place May 19-22 during the 2007 National Restaurant Association Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show®. Over the course of the show, 12 six-member teams representing their countries will compete for the American Culinary Classic championship title at the Culinary Scene display kitchens at McCormick Place. The competition encompasses hot-food and cold-food categories and is judged on creativity, flavor, presentation, timing and technique. Participating teams are; Bahamas, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, United States and Wales.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: McCormick Place, Vista Ballroom, South Hall, Level 400

HOW: Media interested in attending the competition or the press conference must be registered attendees of the show and can register for press badges in room N226 with proper credentials.

WHO: The American Culinary Classic is owned and produced by the National Restaurant Association in cooperation with the American Culinary Federation, and is sanctioned by the World Association of Chefs Societies. Additional show information can be found at <http://www.restaurant.org/show>.

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