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NATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED CHEFS PARTICIPATE IN CRESTED BUTTE WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL IN JULY

**Celebrity Chef Tour Benefitting the James Beard Foundation
Returns to Festival for Second Incredible Year**

CRESTED BUTTE, COLO. – The Crested Butte Wine & Food Festival and Celebrity Chef Tour officially announced the roster of award-winning chefs participating in the intimate Celebrity Chef Tour dinners scheduled during the fourth annual event, July 20 -24.

Due to an overwhelming success in 2010, this year's festival will host two of these prestigious dinners that will offer an incredible masterfully prepared multi-course dinner paired with some of the finest wines in the world.

Wednesday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Chef Eric Jaeger of the Crested Butte Mountain Resort
Featuring cuisine by Jesse Griffiths, Chef/Owner of Dai Due Supper Club in Austin, TX and Bravo Top Chef's Carla Hall.

Friday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Chef Eric Jaeger of the Crested Butte Mountain Resort
Featuring cuisine by Alex Seidel, Chef/Owner of Fruition Restaurant in Denver, CO, Eric Skokan, Chef/Owner of Black Cat Farm Bistro in Boulder, CO and Matt Selby, Chef/Owner of Vesta Dipping Grill in Denver, CO.

Both spectacular evenings will be staged in the famous Uley's Cabin, situated mid-way up the mountain of Crested Butte Mountain Resort. The gondola, located at the base of the resort, will provide the guest's with a gorgeous ride up to their destination for the event.

With limited seating (70 people per dinner), and one of only 20 stops in the United States this year, the James Beard Celebrity Chef Tour dinners promise to be the most memorable events of the festival. Tickets are \$200/per person or \$375/couple.

About the Celebrity Chef Tour

The Celebrity Chef Tour began in 2004 as a way to bring the unique experience of dining at New York City's historic James Beard House to cities around the country. At each Celebrity Chef Tour dinner, some of the nation's top chefs come together to create a fantastic multi-course dinner

paired with premium wines, beers and spirits. Like at the James Beard House, guests have the rare opportunity to interact with the participating chefs while enjoying the luxurious atmosphere of our nation's finest restaurants. Each Celebrity Chef Tour meal is a work of artistry and craftsmanship that you won't soon forget. Proceeds benefit the James Beard Foundation's programming and educational initiatives.

About the James Beard Foundation

Founded in 1986, the James Beard Foundation is dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and nurturing America's culinary heritage and diversity in order to elevate the appreciation of our culinary excellence. A cookbook author and teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge about food, James Beard, who died in 1985, was a champion of American cuisine. He helped educate and mentor generations of professional chefs and food enthusiasts. Today, the Beard Foundation continues in the same spirit by administering a number of diverse programs that include educational initiatives, food industry awards, scholarships to culinary schools, and publications, and by maintaining the historic James Beard House in New Yorks City's Greenwich Village as a "performance space" for visiting chefs.

For more information about the Crested Butte Wine & Food Festival and the Celebrity Chef Tour dinners, or to purchase tickets, the public may call 720-375-5241 or visit www.crestedbuttevine.com.

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