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GERRY KLASKALA TO PARTICIPATE IN 2009 CHEF'S DINNER AT LUMINAIRE

*Aria Owner/Chef Collaborates With Other Top Atlanta Chefs for
an Evening of Camaraderie and Culinary Education*

ATLANTA (May 18, 2009) – On Sunday, June 14, Chef Gerry Klaskala of Aria will be preparing a dinner for 25 other prominent chefs and their guests at Luminaire at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Tucker, Georgia as part of the 2009 Chef's Tour and Dinners program. Joining Klaskala in the preparation of this meal are three other top Atlanta chefs including Chef Eric Chopin of NEO, Chef Hector Santiago of Pura Vida and Chef Kevin Rathbun of Rathbun's, Kevin Rathbun Steak and Krog Bar.

This unique opportunity brings top culinary experts together to collaborate in a fun atmosphere and cook for their friends in the industry. Attending chefs and their guests enjoy an evening together filled with fun, education and camaraderie. Prior to this dinner, the chefs had the opportunity to travel to Sweet Grass Dairy in Thomaston, Georgia, with several other chefs to enjoy a day on the dairy farm filled with tours, hands-on cheese making and education followed by an exceptional lunch. For the June 14 dinner, Klaskala will bring the farm to the table by incorporating Sweet Grass Dairy cheeses into the meal.

"These farm tours and dinners are a great opportunity for local chefs to develop long lasting relationships within their industry, and we're very pleased to have Gerry participating and inspiring other chefs with his culinary talents," says Holly Elmore, Executive Director of the Green Foodservice Alliance.

This farm tour and dinner series began in 2008 when the chefs enjoyed a tour of White Oak Pastures and witnessed the complete break-down of a grass-fed cow into servable cuts. Chef Michael Deihl of East Lake Golf Club, Chef Robert Gerstenecker of The Four Seasons, Chef Joe Truex of repast and Chef Mihoko Obunai of repast then prepared an exciting dinner featuring White Oak Pastures beef. With the tremendous success of the 2008 events, Atlanta chefs are excited for the 2009 Tour and

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For more information on the 2009 Chef's Tour and Dinner series, contact Holly Elmore at 404-261-4690 or hollyde@bellsouth.net.

Aria is located at 490 East Paces Ferry Road in the heart of Buckhead. For reservations and additional information, call 404.233.7673 or visit www.aria-atl.com.

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