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City Porch Coming to Navy Pier

New Contemporary “Pop Up” Restaurant Features Celebrity Chefs

CHICAGO – Take the ambiance of beautiful Navy Pier, sprinkle in celebrity chefs from television’s wildly popular *Top Chef* series, add the city’s finest cuisines and you have the city’s newest contemporary “pop up” restaurant – *City Porch*.

Opening in early June, *City Porch* visitors can expect to enjoy delicious dishes and signature cocktails while enjoying great indoor and outdoor full service dining areas that will feature clusters of casual Adirondack chairs overlooking Navy Pier’s Dock Street.

“With *City Porch* we’re truly taking advantage of Navy Pier’s casual atmosphere and its outstanding view of the city and lake and combining it with great cuisine and some of Chicago’s top chefs and the best in the country,” said restaurateur and *City Porch* founder Manolis Alpogianis.

Signature dishes will include toasted rice crusted tempura shrimp, pommes frites tossed in truffle oil & fresh Parmesan, mini lamb & feta sliders, chicken sausage flat bread with red onion, cilantro and sweet barbecue sauce and much more.

City Porch Executive Chef George Alpogianis along with Chef de Cuisine Anthony Riley have designed the main menu while asking celebrity friends to design guest chef cuisines. The celebrity menu will feature up to eight unique items for their month.

In June, **Chef Heather Terhune** who appeared on Season 9 of the popular Bravo series *Top Chef Texas* will design the celebrity guest menu; **Chef Tony Mantuano** who appeared on the second season of *Top Chef Masters* will create July’s menu; and in

August, **Chef Jimmy Banos** of The Purple Pig and Heaven on Seven will tempt taste buds with his specialty cuisines.

City Porch will serve Navy Pier customers daily through September.

For information regarding all Navy Pier activities and events please visit www.navy pier.com.

Summer Celebrity Chef Schedule

JUNE - Chef Heather Terhune of Sable Kitchen and Bar. Chef Terhune appeared on Season 9 of the popular Bravo series *Top Chef Texas*. She is also the Executive Chef of Sable Restaurant in Chicago.

JULY - Chef Tony Mantuano of Spiaggia. Chef Mantuano appeared on the second season of *Top Chef Masters* and recently opened Bar Toma.

AUGUST - Chef Jimmy Banos of Chicago and Naperville's Heaven on Seven restaurants and The Purple Pig.

George and Manolis worked with Gretchen Dockendorff of CORE Interiors to create the snappy casual atmosphere.

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A Chicago Landmark since 1916, Navy Pier has evolved from a freight passenger ship docking facility to the #1 tourist attraction in the Midwest, drawing over 8.5 million visitors annually. Navy Pier currently encompasses more than fifty acres of parks, gardens, shops, restaurants, family attractions and exhibit facilities, making it a tourists and visitors entertainment hub. For more information, visit our website at www.navy pier.com