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Fort Lauderdale, FL, April 14, 2017 - The Museum of Discovery and Science hosted its 22nd Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on Friday, April 7, 2017 that raised over $165,000 for the Museum. The event was presented by Bank of America and featured over 40 South Florida restaurants, fine wines, spirits and craft beers enjoyed by approximately 1400 guests. All proceeds benefitted the Museum.

“A big thank you to the sponsors, guests and MODS staff for once again supporting this great community event. It was a wonderful evening of great food, wines and spirits, but most importantly of coming together as a community for a great organization. Lots of fun!” said Co-Chair Sal Ferradas of Bank of America.

Event highlights included tastings from South Florida’s leading restaurants and a vast array of wines and spirits from around the world, courtesy of beverage sponsor Southern Glazer’s Wine and Spirits. There was a wide assortment of craft beers to taste, great prizes in the silent auction and a complimentary Riedel wine glass was provided to every guest. Ellen Jaffe of EASY 93.1FM was the emcee for the evening.

Guests voted for their favorite restaurants and the 2017 “Peoples’ Choice Award” winners are 1st place Ilios (Hilton), 2nd place Susie’s Scrumptious Sweets and 3rd place Chez Gourmet.

This year’s co-chairs: Sal Ferradas of Bank of America, Elliott Flynn of Wells Fargo Advisors, and John Magee of Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits kicked off the event at 5:30 p.m. welcoming V.I.P. Platinum Tasting guests to the event with premium cuisine, complimentary valet, exclusive access to Platinum Lounge in addition to early access to the Grand Tasting. Grand Tasting guests began their culinary adventure at 6:30 p.m. followed by the After-Party Lounge sponsored by City Furniture where guests continued to enjoy additional culinary delights and danced under the stars.

One of the distinguishing features of the Wine, Spirits, and Culinary Celebration is the quality of the restaurants. This year’s list included the following: A Joy Wallace Catering, A Touch of Spain, Angelo Elia Pizza Bar & Tapas, Aprons Cooking School, Bacon Boxes, Barbados Tourism Marketing, Black Glass Events, Boatyard, Buenos Aires Bakery & Cafè, Cafè Ala Carte, Casa Calabria, Catering at Chef’s Table, Chez Gourmet, Crepemaker, Fare to Remember, Gino’s Market, Gourmeat, Grateful Palate, Hard Rock Café, Healthy Xpress, Ilios (Hilton), John Knox Village, Kitchen 305, Lobster Bar Sea Grille, Mai Kai, Mojo, Nespresso, Park and Ocean, Red Chair Catering, Roho Kitchen, S3, Seasons 52, Shooters Waterfront, Sidecar Kitchen, Sky Thai Sushi, Sparkling Bitters, Susie’s Scrumptious Sweets, SuViche, Sweeter Days Bake Shop, Tea of Life, Ten Palms Restaurant at Gulfstream Park, Timpano, Wines for Humanity and YOLO.

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The Museum is open seven days a week, 365 days a year; Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m. with extended IMAX® hours on most evenings. The Museum of Discovery and Science is at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit our web site at [www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

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