



## Press Release

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# Enjoy over 100 Wine, Spirits and Craft Beers from Around the World at Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on Friday, 4/7/17.

**Fort Lauderdale, FL March 2, 2017** - The Museum of Discovery and Science will host its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on Friday, April 7, 2017. The event is presented by Bank of America and all proceeds benefit the Museum.

This year's co-chairs: Sal Ferradas of Bank of America, Elliott Flynn of Meehan Financial Group, and John Magee of Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits are expecting at least 1,500 guests. Event highlights include 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 & Spirits. There will also be an assortment of craft beers to taste, great items in the silent auction and a complimentary Riedel wine glass for every guest.

"The Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration is always an incredible event in Fort Lauderdale and my favorite event in South Florida! The energy of the crowd is electric. With over 40 restaurants and over 100 wine, spirit and beer vendors throughout the Museum it's an exploration that will find your palate dancing with joy." says Elliott Flynn.

Platinum guests will enjoy premium cuisine, exclusive access to Platinum Lounge and early access to the Grand Tasting. Doors open for the Platinum experience at 5:30 p.m. Grand Tasting admission begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Grand Tasting will feature over 40 of South Florida's top restaurants and a sampling of over 100 wine, spirits, and craft beers. This will be followed by the ultra-chic After-Party Lounge where all guests can continue to enjoy additional culinary delights from the After-Party restaurant partners and dance under the stars. The After-Party will take place from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Museum's Grand Atrium.

One of the distinguishing features of the Wine, Spirits, and Culinary Celebration is the quality of the restaurants. This year's list includes the following, with more to come: A Joy Wallace Catering, Design and Special Events, Angelo Elia Pizza Bar & Tapas, Aprons Cooking School, Barbados Tourism Marketing, Beauty & The Feast Bar/Kitchen, Black Tie Events, Boatyard, Buenos Aires Bakery & Café, Café Ala Carte, Casa Calabria, Chez Gourmet, Crepemaker, Fare to Remember, Gino's Market, Grateful Palate, Healthy Xpress, Ilios (Hilton), John Knox Village, Kitchen 305, Lobster Bar Sea Grille, Mojo, Nespresso, S3, Seasons 52, Seven Seas Purity of Life, LLC, Shooters Waterfront, Sidecar Kitchen, Sky Thai Sushi, Susie's Scrumptuous Sweets, SuViche, Timpano and YOLO.

Tickets are \$250 for the Platinum experience (only 500 tickets available at this level) and \$150 for the Grand Tasting. Parties of ten receive a reduced rate of \$2,250 Platinum and \$1,350 for Grand Tasting

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Host packages. **For tickets please visit: [modsevents.org](http://modsevents.org).** For sponsorship opportunities or additional information please contact Hillary Wallace at 954.713.0918 or [hillary.wallace@mods.net](mailto:hillary.wallace@mods.net).

Guests are encouraged to share in excitement of the event through social media by posting pictures of the event on Museum of Discovery and Science Facebook Page, Tweeting @IMAXSOFL, and utilizing Instagram to upload their event photos by tagging the Museum's IG page: @m0ds with the hashtag: #MODSWine.

Major sponsors of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine & Culinary Celebration are: Bank of America and Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits; American Express, American Marketing & Management, Inc., AutoNation, BB&T, Berkowitz Pollack Brant, City Furniture, Doubletime Digital, Elliott Flynn, Ellis Diversified, Inc., Ernst & Young, Farlie, Turner & Company, LLC, Francis Nardoza, Gold Coast Beverage, Grant Thornton, Gray Robinson, Greenberg Traurig, Gunster, Hinden, McLean & Arbeiter, PA, Lochrie & Chakas, PA, Michael Kimmy, PNC Bank, Republic Services, Stiles Corporation, SunTrust, TD Bank, Wells Fargo and WSVN. Radio partners include Cox Media's HITS 97.3, EASY 93.1 and HOT 105. Media partners include Lifestyle Media Group and Think Magazine.

### **ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE**

The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including: JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Jet Blue and Wells Fargo.

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)

### **Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration Photos:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/oohtii61l67kv14/AAAWTsxLbVYACvbNKNlkzjzwa?dl=0>

6734 Yolo Restaurant (2016 People's Choice Award Winner)

6795 Gino's Market (2016 People's Choice Award 2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

0269 John Magee (co-chair) & Paula McConville

0296 Elliott Flynn (co-chair) & Kate Flynn

0310 Ilios (2016 People's Choice 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

6486 Bank of America (presenting sponsor)

6858 Crowd Shot

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