

TOP CHEF: SALISH LODGE & SPA'S CHEF ROY BREIMAN TO OFFER A DAY IN THE LIFE

**Pacific Northwest lodge to offer a taste of the farm to table experience
with "Chef for a Day" program**

Snoqualmie, Wash. (January 8, 2008) – Salish Lodge & Spa, a romantic mountain retreat 30 minutes east of Seattle, announces the new "Chef for a Day" program, a schedule of experiences that allow culinary connoisseurs, as well as novices, the chance to accompany executive chef, Roy Breiman on any of three outings that will showcase the bounty of the Pacific Northwest region.

These experiences include "**Foraging in the Springtime**," a day of foraging in the nearby mountains for exotic local products followed by a gourmet picnic lunch ; "**Artisan Cheesemaking**," a visit to Estrella Family Creamery for an exclusive lesson in the finer points of cheese-making and "**Winemaking**," an opportunity to learn the art of winemaking during crush.

"We've found that an increasing number of our guests have a strong interest in learning the origins of what we put on the table," said Chef Roy. "I'm thrilled to offers these intimate experiences in order to share my passion for fresh, organic and local ingredients."

The schedule of events and details are below. Each program is \$95 a person and open to hotel guests as well as the general public, yet each is limited to 12 people. Each session will begin at 11 a.m. and end around 6 p.m.

- **Foraging in Springtime: Sunday, April 20, 2008**
Guests are invited to join chef Roy for a day of foraging in the nearby mountains for exotic local products such as fiddlehead ferns, miner's lettuce, and the famous stinging nettles of the great Pacific Northwest. The daylong excursion includes a gourmet picnic lunch paired with beautiful local wines.
- **Artisan Cheesemaking: Sunday, June 22, 2008**
Guests will venture to the esteemed local dairy, Estrella Family Creamery, in Montesano, Wash., to meet Kelli Estrella and her family for an exclusive lesson in the finer points of cheese-making. The lesson will be followed by the treasured opportunity to taste the season's best cheeses in Kelli's farmstead tasting room. Return home with your very own cheese and great memories of a personal day on the farm.
- **Winemaking: Sunday September 28, 2008**
Guests will be offered the rare opportunity to learn the art of winemaking during crush at a very exclusive, undisclosed boutique winery. Help crush the grapes, and then revel in the glories of viticulture as you taste some of

these delightful wines. You'll receive a bottle of the vintage that you personally helped crush sent to you upon release.

Advance reservations are required and can be made by phone at 425-831-6554 or by email at kristy.rutledge@salishlodge.com.

About Salish Lodge & Spa

Consistently ranked among the best small resorts in the world, the AAA Four Diamond Salish Lodge & Spa overlooks the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls. Each of its 89 guest rooms has a bedside wood-burning fireplace, two-person whirlpool tub, goose-down comforter, feather bed and balcony or window seat. The resort offers a variety of recreational activities, treatments at the award-winning Spa, Chef Roy Breiman's seasonal cuisine, an award-winning wine list and personalized service. The resort is located 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle, within 40 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and three hours from Vancouver, B.C. and Portland, Oregon. For more information or reservations, please call 1-800-2-SALISH or visit www.salishlodge.com.

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a unique property into an enduring and profitable business. Columbia Hospitality's premier properties include boutique hotels and secluded resorts including the following:

- Kenwood Inn and Spa in Sonoma County, Calif.
- The Inn at Langley on Whidbey Island in Washington state
- Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island in Washington state

The company also manages a portfolio of conference centers and event venues in Washington state, including the Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle. The company additionally supports an active consulting division that has worked on more than 80 hospitality development projects in five western U.S. states and Canada. For more information on Columbia Hospitality, Inc., visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

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