

## **TOP PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHEFS TEAM UP AT SALISH LODGE & SPA TO END HUNGER IN WESTERN WASHINGTON**

*Salish Lodge & Spa to host second annual "The Falls Come to Life" dinner and auction to benefit Food Lifeline*

**Snoqualmie, Wash. (January 14, 2008)** – Salish Lodge & Spa, a romantic mountain retreat 30 minutes east of Seattle, announces the final chef lineup for the second annual "The Falls Come to Life" dinner and auction to take place on Friday, March 28, 2008 to benefit Food Lifeline, a nonprofit agency dedicated to ending hunger in Western Washington.

Spearheaded by Salish Lodge Executive Chef **Roy Breiman**, the guest chef lineup includes **Holly Smith** of Café Juanita in Kirkland, Wash.; **Jason Wilson** of Crush in Seattle; **Johnathan Sundstrom** of Lark in Seattle; **Armandino Batali** of Salumi in Seattle and **Matt Castello** of The Inn at Langley in Langley, Wash.

Each celebrity chef will prepare a signature menu item to create a unique multi-course dining experience, which will include wine pairings from many of Washington State's most celebrated and boutique wineries.

"Our goal with 'The Falls Come to Life' is to utilize the Pacific Northwest's extraordinary culinary talent to benefit those in need," said Roy Breiman, executive chef at the Dining Room at Salish Lodge. "Salish Lodge & Spa is thrilled to host such a wonderful group of chefs to support Food Lifeline, one of our region's most worthy causes."

The evening will be co-hosted by Evening Magazine personality and local celebrity, **John Curley** and auctioneer extraordinaire, **Tim Leahy**. Kicking off with a reception, the event will also include a live auction with all proceeds to benefit Food Lifeline. Each participating chef will donate an auction item featuring an intimate culinary experience at his or her restaurant, or at another private location. The remaining auction items will feature high-end, hard-to-find culinary and travel experiences.

"We were thrilled with the outcome of the inaugural Falls Come to Life - not only did the event raise significant funding to support our work it also heightened the level of awareness of hunger in Western Washington," said Linda Nageotte, president and CEO of Food Lifeline. "Food Lifeline and its patrons would like to personally thank each of these talented chefs for donating their time and expertise in order to help Food Lifeline achieve its mission of ending hunger."

"The Falls Come to Life" will take place in the Dining Room at Salish Lodge. The evening will begin with a 6:00 p.m. reception followed by a 7:30 p.m. dinner. Space is limited. Tickets can be purchased for \$195 per person by calling 425-831-6564 or e-

mailing [kristy.rutledge@salishlodge.com](mailto:kristy.rutledge@salishlodge.com). More information about this event and its participants can be found at [www.salishlodge.com](http://www.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](http://www.salishlodge.com).

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- 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 50 hospitality development projects in five western U.S. states and Canada. For more information on Columbia Hospitality, Inc., visit [www.columbiahospitality.com](http://www.columbiahospitality.com).

### **About Food Lifeline:**

Food Lifeline is Washington's largest hunger relief organization, distributing food to 300 neighborhood food banks, shelters and hot meal programs in Western Washington. Each year, Food Lifeline feeds more than one-half million hungry people each year – 37 percent of whom are children. Food Lifeline is a member of America's Second Harvest, the Nation's Food Bank Network, the largest hunger relief organization in the United States. Only five percent of every financial donation is used for administrative costs and the return on investment is significant: for every \$1 donated Food Lifeline provides 5 meals to hungry people. Please visit [www.foodlifeline.org](http://www.foodlifeline.org).

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