

DESTIN CHARITY WINE AUCTION FOUNDATION INTRODUCES A NEW EVENT SERIES THAT BRINGS DINNER WITH A TWIST TO THE EMERALD COAST ON JANUARY 21

Tickets go on sale December 1 at 10 AM

MIRAMAR BEACH, FL – Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation (DCWAF), one of the nation's premier fundraising organizations, is bringing a new event to the Emerald Coast on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Miramar Beach. Inspired by Jacksonville, Florida's Legend Series, DCWAF will present Volume 1, the first in a series of pop-up dinners.

Tickets for Volume 1 are \$250 and go on sale this Thursday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. online at dcwaf.org/tickets. In order to maintain the event's intimate atmosphere, a limited number of tickets will be available.

"We are very excited about this unique event. Our supporters love wine dinners and we thought it was time to elevate the experience. Great food and wine plus a few new features that will set this dinner apart from all others," Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation President, John Russell said. "The best part is it is all a surprise, and who doesn't like a surprise?"

Foundation members request that patrons bring their sense of adventure and an open mind to Volume 1, because dinner will be served with a twist. When tickets go on sale, patrons will be purchasing with almost no information. The event location, theme, menu and entertainment will all be withheld until the day of the event. All that will be disclosed are the chefs involved and the date/time.

Volume 1 will showcase a themed, multi-course menu created by some of the best in the culinary industry paired with exquisite wines and entertainment. On the morning of the event, patrons will be notified via email with details regarding the location and theme of Volume 1 as well as attire suggestions. The specifics regarding the menu, wine selections and entertainment will remain a surprise.

Scott Schwartz, co-founder and chef of the Legend Series and Chef/Owner of 29 South will be spearheading the culinary team. Joining Schwartz will be Destin local and Bijoux Executive Chef, Jack McGuckin, Craig Richards of St. Cecilia and The Optimist in Atlanta, GA and Graham Laborde of Bernadine's in Houston, TX. More information on each chef can be found online at dcwaf.org.

"As the co-founder of the Legend Series, I couldn't be more excited to join the Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation on such an amazing pop-up dining experience. We are bringing some of the best chefs in the Southeast to join the top chefs in this region to this exclusive event and there is going to be a surprise at every turn," Co-founder and chef of the Legend Series, Scott Schwartz said. "Experimental pop-up dining events are trending in all the hottest food scenes across America, and we are thrilled to bring this experience to Destin."

DCWAF is known for hosting a variety of annual high-end wine and culinary events that bring wine enthusiasts together from all over the world to raise money for children in need in Northwest Florida. Tickets

to their signature event, the 12th Destin Charity Wine Auction held April 28 – 30 in conjunction with the South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival are also on sale now.

About Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation

Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation is nationally ranked by Wine Spectator Magazine as the sixth largest wine auction of its kind. The organization's mission is to connect wine enthusiasts to raise money to benefit children in need throughout Northwest Florida. Since its inception in 2005, DCWAF has donated more than \$13 million to Northwest Florida charities by hosting a variety of world class wine and culinary events. These funds have impacted the lives of over 75,000 at risk youth in the region. Learn more at <u>www.DCWAF.org</u> or on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/dcwaf</u>.

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