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ARTS-KIDS ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS OF “STEP UP TO THE PLATE” FUNDRAISER

Park City, Utah – Arts-Kids, Inc., the after-school program using the expressive arts to develop youth and build community, announces the winners of Arts-Kids’ culinary competition among top notch Park City restaurants, held at their annual benefit “Step Up to the Plate” on Sunday, February 28th.

High West Distillery won the “People’s Choice” award and Maxwell’s East Coast Eatery won the Judges’ Award.

“The People’s Choice award is always the crowd pleaser,” said Pat Drewry Sanger, Executive Director of Arts-Kids. More than 130 guests voted on culinary creations from Park City’s finest restaurants including Butcher’s, Goldener Hirsch, Jean Louis, Shabu, Squatters and Zoom.

“The competition is a friendly rivalry because all the chefs try to out-do each other,” she said.

High West Distillery Chef James Dumas created a combination of duck and rice risotto with a dash of spirits. “His presentation and commentary about the secret distilled ingredient swayed many voters,” said Nate Sears, Event Coordinator.

Maxwell’s East Coast Eatery surprised everyone with a dessert rather than a savory. The judges loved Chef Warren Willey’s strawberry ravioli, a pink triangle of confection-filled pastry dough topped with vanilla cream anglais and chocolate hazelnut, said Sanger.

Guest Judges were Kathy Stephenson, the food writer at The Salt Lake Tribune, Virginia Rainey, a food and wine writer, and Bryan Woolley of KUTV Channel 2 News at Noon.

The Executive Director of Arts-Kids said that the “Step Up to the Plate” fundraising event has become popular with Salt Lake City residents as well as Parkites. Held at the Swaner Eco-Center, attendees can preview restaurant creations with the intent of selecting their next dining experience in Park City.

The Silent Auction event, which helps support the Summit County after-school program, offers a chance to purchase items from art galleries, ski resorts, sporting goods stores, massage therapists, and even dentists at a fraction of their cost while donating to a good cause.



Arts-Kids, Inc. is an after-school youth development program using the expressive arts and group techniques to serve Summit County youth. Arts-Kids was founded in 1999 at two schools in Park City, Utah, and has expanded to all ten Summit County elementary and middle schools and to the Ute Indian Uintah and Ouray Reservation in northern Utah.

To maintain accessibility, this education and social service program has always been free of charge to students. Grants, private donations, and the annual fundraiser make this possible.

The Arts-Kids Board of Trustees wishes to thank all the donors, guests and sponsors for their financial support of the event including Leland Scowcroft Swaner Jr., Tad, Diana, Leland III, and Alexandra, Judy Hanley, Nancy Conrow, City Weekly, Katherine Wallace, and the Park City Gallery Association.

“Volunteers from Frontier Bank stepped up to the plate at the front desk to make sure the event ran smoothly,” Sears concluded. “We very much appreciated the help of more than 30 volunteers at this event.”

Silent Auction winners should call 435-615-7878 to pick up their items or for more information.

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PHOTO CAPTIONS

John Burdick, managing partner of Maxwell’s East Coast Eatery, serves up the award-winning Strawberry Ravioli at the Arts-Kids “Step Up to the Plate” fundraiser where top Park City restaurants enjoy friendly competition and support the Summit County after-school program. Photo credit: Elliott Fraughton

Chef James Dumas created a real crowd pleaser, a duck and risotto combo that won the People’s Choice award at the Arts-Kids “Step Up to the Plate” fundraiser where top Park City restaurants enjoy friendly competition and support the Summit County after-school program. Photo credit; Arts-Kids, Inc.