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### **Media Advisory / Calendar Item**

**Garden Party –the only LGBT tasting event in the country –serves a unique and tasty smorgasbord of food to kick-off Pride Week in NYC**

**Foodies galore join forces to support the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of New York**

What's for dinner you ask? At Garden Party, our menu is not only eclectic, but it is out-of-this-world delicious! When is the last time you had a meal comprised of Chicken Tikka Masala; Crispy Banana Wontons with Star Anise Caramel Sauce; Roulade of Smoked Salmon with Cauliflower Mousse; Montauk Fluke Sashimi, Spicy Passion Fruit Sauce and Crispy Taro Root; Corn Fritters with Tomato Jam; Chilled Sweet Corn Soup with Basil Oil; and Mini Chocolate Chunk Cookies, Red Velvet Cupcakes and Chamomile Tea Cookies? Join the Center on **Monday, June 22, 2009** at Pier 54 for Garden Party to eat all this and more!

This year's celebrity chefs include **Daniel Angerer** (Klee Brasserie), **Rebecca Charles** (Pearl Oyster Bar) and **Dave Pasternak** (Esca). And back as our Event Chair this year is *Gourmet* Editor-in-Chief **Ruth Reichl**!

We are proud to welcome back three-time supporter **Prudential Financial** as our Principal Sponsor, and thank all our corporate sponsors, including Aetna, Food Network, HGTV, *Gourmet* Magazine and Zagat.

As the only LGBT tasting festival in the country, Garden Party is definitely a tasty treat every foodie can enjoy. For a full listing of more than 35 participating restaurants, visit **gaycenter.org**.

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Garden Party raises much-needed funds that allow the Center to build and support our community through advocacy, culture and health programs, as well as meeting and conference services, while providing a safe and welcoming environment. Garden Party is generously supported by **Prudential Financial** as returning Principal Sponsor.



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**Interview / Photo Opportunities:** Select chefs will be available for interview; please inquire to the Center. High-resolutions photos are also available and pre- and post-event.

- WHAT** The only LGBT culinary festival in the country, benefiting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center
- WHO** **Daniel Angerer** (Klee Brasserie), **Rebecca Charles** (Pearl Oyster Bar) and **Dave Pasternak** (Esca), Event Chair, *Gourmet* Editor-in-Chief, **Ruth Reichl**, and many more... Visit [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org) for a full listing of participants.
- WHEN** Monday, June 22, 2009  
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- WHERE** Pier 54  
Hudson River Park Trust  
14th Street and the Westside Highway  
New York City
- HOW** Tickets start at \$100 and are available exclusively at [gaycenter.org/specialevents/gardenparty](http://gaycenter.org/specialevents/gardenparty).
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#### **About the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center**

Established in 1983, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center, located at 208 West 13th Street in New York City is the largest LGBT community center on the East Coast. More than 6,000 people visit the Center weekly and 300 groups meet here. More information is available at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).