



208 West 13th Street  
New York, NY 10011  
(212) 620-7310 T  
(212) 924-2657 F  
www.gaycenter.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
**June 16, 2009**

**CONTACT** Wilson Alexander Aguilar, Events Manager & Producer  
+ 1 (212) 620-7310 x278, wilson@gaycenter.org

**Media Advisory / Calendar Item**

## **Amuse Your Bouche at This Year's Garden Party**

### **Mouthwatering menu items to be featured at Garden Party revealed**

Garden Party's menu this year will feature more than amuse bouches, and will definitely amuse your bouche. 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 Wild Striped Bass w/Ligurian Olivada; Coconut Shrimp Escabeche with grilled pineapple; Pulled Turkey Sliders with crispy shallots; Mini Boerewors Rolls; Escargots Au Pastis on garlic bread croutons; Mini Pulled Pork Sliders; Housemade Tofu with wari-joyu; Chilled Cucumber Garden Soup; Black Forest Ice Cream Cake; Crispy Cod Fish over guindilla aioli; Chorizo Croquettes; Corn Fritter with tomato jam; Swedish Meatballs with lingonberries and house-cured gravlaks; Chilled Sweet Corn Soup w/Basil Oil; Mini Chocolate Chunk Cookies, Red Velvet Cupcakes and Chamomile Tea Cookies; and Mini Maine Lobster Rolls on brioche buns? Join the Center on **Monday, June 22, 2009** at Pier 54 for Garden Party to eat all this and more!

In addition to all the amazing food, there will be a fantastic **Foodies Silent Auction** featuring some amazing items such as tickets to "The Martha Stewart Show," "Saturday Night Live," gift certificates to a bevy of restaurants around the city, spa treatments and Broadway show packages, and so much more. Also featured at Garden Party is our **Pick-A-Box Raffle**, with a rare opportunity to win tickets to a taping of "Iron Chef America;" an amazing package of travel destinations with airfare; and a fabulous stay at the luxurious Harrah's Resort Atlantic City that includes VIP tickets to the **Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival**; and so many other fun and unique items.

And this year's exciting line-up of celebrity chefs was hand picked by our returning Event Chair, *Gourmet* Editor-in-Chief **Ruth Reichl**. Our chefs include **Daniel Angerer** (Klee Brasserie), **Rebecca Charles** (Pearl Oyster Bar) and **Dave Pasternak** (Esca). And joining our celebrity chefs are Café Du Soleil, Chez Lucienne, Counter Organic Wine & Cocktail Bar, Dinosaur BBQ, EN Japanese Brasserie, Gotham Bar and Grill Restaurant, La Palapa, Poco, Rosa Mexicano, Sonnier & Castle, Treats Truck, Vynl and so many more. For a full listing of more than 35 participating restaurants, visit **gaycenter.org**.

\*\*\*

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.

The Center is 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.



208 West 13th Street  
New York, NY 10011  
(212) 620-7310 T  
(212) 924-2657 F  
[www.gaycenter.org](http://www.gaycenter.org)

**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).
- CONTACT** Wilson Alexander Aguilar, Events Manager & Producer  
+ 1 (212) 620-7310 x278, [wilson@gaycenter.org](mailto:wilson@gaycenter.org)

\*\*\*

#### **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).