

AZ Insider: Cooks and Corks Was a Philanthropic Success

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It was a chance to mingle with a group of culinary masters - at one of the most stunning settings in the Phoenix area. Just beneath Pinnacle Peak at the Four Seasons Resort at Troon North, about 400 guests turned out to dine on the culinary delights, sip fine wines and raise funds for the arts. Yes, it was quite the elegant and lively night for the Cooks and Corks party under the stars.

Guests mingled and munched with the background music of Mel Bridges, along with the chef demonstrations, and Earnhardt Scottsdale Cadillac was this year's presenting sponsor. And thanks to Tim Fuchs for the photos.



Here's the impressive lineup of culinary and beverage participants: Cellar 433, Chef Cullen Campbell, Crudo/Bar, Cucina Rustica, Pisa Lisa and Mariposa Latin Inspired Grill, Chef Derek Biazo, deseó at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Chef Rochelle Daniel, Fat OxChef Julie Moreno and Chef Justine Dachel, Jewel's Bakery & Cafe, Chef Jeremy Pacheco, LONS's at The Hermosa InnMoët & ChandonPress Coffee Roasters, Chef Joe Cavaretta, Proof and Talavera at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North, Chef Chuck Kazmer, Proof and Talavera at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North, Chef Dell Morris, Proof at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North, Chef Lance Whipple, Proof and Talavera at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North, Chef Samantha Sanz, Talavera at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North and Tobin James Cellars



Congratulations to Chef Lisa Dahl of Dahl & Di Luca Ristorante Italiano, won the People's Choice winner for Best Food and Presentation.

This culinary fete which used to be part of the week-long Scottsdale Culinary Festival, is now a stand alone event. FYI, it was named "Best Culinary Festival 2018" by this Arizona Foothills Magazine! Scottsdale League for the Arts and its signature Scottsdale Culinary Festival, supports local arts programs through an annual grants process and culinary scholarships. The League has donated more than \$4.5 million since 2000.



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