

IOWA'S PREMIER WINE AND FOOD EXPO ADDS CHEF PETER CASTILLO AND OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS TO THIS YEAR'S LINEUP

Craft Beer and Chefs that Cater to Stars highlight this year's event that includes over 150 different Beers and 250 wines/spirits

Des Moines, IA – Global Spectrum, producers of Iowa's Premier Wine and Food Expo, presented by Hy-Vee, announced today that Chef Peter Castillo has been added to the lineup for this year's event. Castillo, who will appear at the Expo Saturday, November 12, is one of the busiest chefs on the road travelling with concert tours for nearly 30 years.

Based out of Kansas City, MO, Chef Peter has been involved for the past 28 years catering to the stars both touring on the road and at Verizon Amphitheater, Kemper Arena and other venues in Kansas City and in the Midwest. He has wined and dined everyone from Sting, KISS, Pearl Jam, The Rolling Stones (4 tours), Lillith Fair, Lollapalooza, Pink Floyd, Frank Sinatra and U2 among others. At this year's event Chef Peter will be sharing his past experiences while travelling and feeding the artists, road crew, stage crew, and more every day of a tour that extends over multiple months and multiple countries.

In addition to his concert catering experience, Chef Peter has also spent time in the kitchens of numerous hotels, restaurants, and catering companies. For the past three years Chef Peter has been working and consulting for Golden Living, the former Beverly Enterprises company as the 1st Corporate Chef ever hired by the company, overseeing 341 Living Centers from California to Boston.

Castillo joins Chef Art Smith, Philanthropist, Acclaimed Restaurateur and Oprah's Former Chef, who was previously announced, giving this year's event a glimpse into the life of celebrities who travel the world performing in front of live audiences.

Other notable names in the beer and wine industry that will be making an appearance at this year's event include:

- Jake Leinenkugel – President of Leinenkugel Beer
- Grant Wood – Senior Brewing Manager for The Boston Beer Company (Sam Adams)
- Hillary Stevens – Winemaker for Naked Grape
- Nate Siats – Summit Brewery Brewmaster
- Lauren Salzar – New Belgium Brewery
- Ellen Flora – Chandon and Newton Wineries
- Steven Pauwels – Brewer at Boulevard Brewing Co.
- Satori Ito – House of Gekkeikan
- Joe Kesteloot – Brewmaster at Peace Tree Brewing Company (Knoxville, IA)
- Nick Barth – Wine Director for Cru Wine Online
- Alessandra Meschini – Italian Chef for Cooking with Alessandra
- Eric Welch – Winemaker for Vines to Wines

Tickets for the event are priced at \$30 (with alcohol sampling) and \$20 (without alcohol sampling). Tickets are available at www.iowaeventscenter.com/wineandfood, at the Wells Fargo Arena Box Office, or by calling 866-553-2457.