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FIVE'S "BANKS AND SCOTT'S SEASONAL SHOWDOWN DINNERS" LAUNCHES THIS SUMMER

Five-Course Culinary Competition – Thursday, July 15

Berkeley, CA – (June 2010) – Summer means road trips, hot nights, barbeques and cook offs. At Hotel Shattuck Plaza's FIVE – Modern American Bistro & Bar, guests can enjoy these fun components with the new quarterly series titled "Banks and Scott's Seasonal Showdown Dinners" with the first to occur at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 15**. The five-course dinner is priced at \$52 without wine pairings and \$65 with wine pairings. Upcoming "Banks and Scott's Season Showdown Dinners" dates are October 21, 2010 (fall harvest/beer theme) and January 20, 2011 (seafood/champagne theme).

Cooking alongside each other, Executive Chef Banks White and Creative Consulting Chef Scott Howard's themed dinners will highlight their creativity and technique in this mini-culinary competition. À la Food Network's "Iron Chef/Throw Down", each course will feature duo dishes from Chefs Banks and Scott and diners will rate their favorite for each course based on creativity, taste, and presentation.

July's edition of "Banks and Scott's Seasonal Showdown Dinners" will feature a summer favorite – barbecue. Aligned with FIVE's approach to American classics with a modern twist while using ingredients supporting local, sustainable and organic farmers, Banks and Scott will showcase their favorite barbecue dishes honoring their home states – Banks representing Texas and Scott representing North Carolina. For the fifth course, Pastry Chef Robert Hac will be presenting his take on desserts based on the chefs' influences. Rosenblum Cellars will pair wines with each course.

The communal-style dinner seating is at 7:00 p.m. Please call FIVE at 510-225-6055 to make your reservations; advanced reservations are recommended as the dinner is limited to the first 60 guests. Votes will be tallied and the winning chef will be announced at the end of the dinner. Who will reign supreme at FIVE?

Banks and Scott's Seasonal Showdown Dinner Menu

7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 15

First Course

Speckled Romaine Salad | Smoked Ricotta Salata | Pickled Apriums | Champagne Vinaigrette
Ancho Cress | Honey Crisp Farms Peaches | La Quercia Ham | Mustard Dressing

Second Course

Dungeness Crab Fritters | White Corn | Pimentón Aioli
Grilled BBQ Shrimp | Georgia Peanut Coleslaw | Citrus

Third Course

Smoked Quail | Linguiça and Corn Bread Stuffing | Piquillo Pepper
Smoked Pork Belly | Apple Cider Vinegar Glaze | Stewed Black Eyed Peas

Fourth Course

BBQ Brisket Hash | Purple Peruvian Potatoes | Poached Farm Egg | Sauce Choron
Grilled Sonoma Lamb | Ancho Currant Jam | Cucumber and Mint Salad

Fifth Course

Brown Sugar Grilled Peaches | Rosemary Crème Fraiche
Grilled Corn Ice Cream | Buttered Pound Cake | Paprika

ABOUT FIVE

Operated in partnership with Creative Consulting Chef Scott Howard, FIVE is a Modern American Bistro & Bar located in the newly renovated Hotel Shattuck Plaza in Downtown Berkeley. Since its opening in summer 2009, FIVE has garnered rave reviews locally and nationally including being named one of the hottest openings in 2009 by *Food Arts* and receiving three and a half stars (out of four) from Bay Area News Group. Open daily from early morning until late in the evening, the 60-seat bistro and bar is a great spot to gather with friends, host a business lunch, or have a quick dinner or drinks before theater. For more information or to make a reservation, please visit www.five-berkeley.com or call 510-225-6055.

ABOUT THE HOTEL SHATTUCK PLAZA

The Hotel Shattuck Plaza has six floors and a total of 199 gorgeously redesigned guest rooms, including 17 suites. The rooms combine the classic charm of the hotel's turn of the century roots with modern and luxurious amenities such as flat screen televisions and iPod docks. A number of rooms have stunning views of the San Francisco bay and Golden Gate Bridge. To make a reservation and for more information on the Hotel Shattuck Plaza, please visit: www.hotelshattuckplaza.com. Room, restaurant and lobby images are available [here](#). Also visit the property and watch it evolve on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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