

# Event features Valley chefs

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**SCOTTSDALE** — Fine food fans can sample wares from the top chefs from 19 of the Valley's best restaurants during the third annual Dine Out with the Chefs event Oct. 5.

"We say tastings, but the chefs really outdo themselves with this event," event creator and author Pamela Swartz said. "No one goes home hungry."

Swartz will be signing her new edition of *Dine Out Phoenix: Where to Eat from Chic to Unique*, at the event, which also features a wine, premium beer, vodka, and tequila tastings, live music by Rakata and a cash bar. Attendees will receive raffle tickets for a vacation, gift certificates and gift baskets among other things.

"Because this is not a huge, massive, all-day event the people that attend really get the opportunity to interact with the chefs, and the chefs are really engaging," Swartz said.

Dishes may include an orange and pineapple shrimp ceviche on a tortilla cup with a frisee salad from Windows on the Green Chef Robert Sanchez; and a chilled roasted tomato and bell pepper soup with mascarpone cheese and olive oil from Alto ristorante e bar Chef Eric Howson and Chef Salvador Prado.

Proceeds benefit youth education and outreach programs at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets are \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door. Advance tickets are recommended because space is limited.

The participating chefs and restaurants include:

■ Executive Chef Jon-Paul Hutchins, L'Academie and L'Ecole.

■ Executive Chef Eric Howson and Chef Salvador Prado, Alto ristorante e bar.

■ Chef/Owner Carolyn Ellis, Arcadia Farms.

■ Executive Chef Justin Beckett, Canal.

■ Pastry Chef Tracy Dempsey, Spaghetti Western Productions/Confection.

■ Chef Payton Curry, Digestif.

■ Executive Chef Gio Osso, Estate House.

■ Executive Chef Matt Taylor, Foodbar.

■ Executive Chef Michael Rusconi, Lon's.

■ Executive Chef Bernie Kan-

tak, Mexican Standoff.

■ Chef/Owner Erasmo "Razz" Kamnitzer, Razz's Restaurant.

■ Executive Chef Nobuo Fukuda, Sea Saw.

■ Head Baker Jeffrey Yankel- low, Simply Bread.

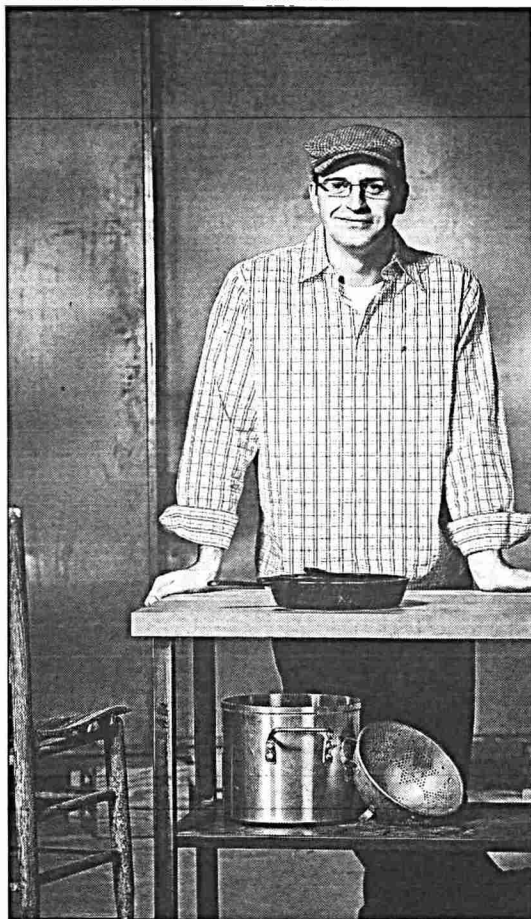
■ Chef Juan Solorio, SWB, a southwest bistro.

■ Executive Chef Lee Hillson, T. Cook's.

■ Executive Chef Mel Mecinas, Talavera.

■ Chef de Cuisine Robert Sanchez, Windows on the Green.

■ Executive Chef Matt Carter, Zinc Bistro.



## Dine Out with the Chefs

■ 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. Second St.

■ Tickets are \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door through the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts box office at 480-994-ARTS (2787) or [www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org](http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org).

Mexican Standoff's Executive Chef Bernie Kantak will participate in the third annual Dine Out with the Chefs event.

