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Grand Street Settlement Celebrates 9th Year of Taste of the Lower East Side on May 7th
Signature Dishes and Cocktails From Over Thirty Five Neighborhood Restaurants

NEW YORK, N.Y., March 31, 2009 – The Grand Street Settlement's 9th annual **Taste of the Lower East Side** will take place on May 7th, 2009 at downtown Manhattan's historic Puck Building, and feature signature dishes and cocktails from over thirty five neighborhood restaurants. Benefiting the Grand Street Settlement, proceeds will be used to fund programs and services for low-income children, youth and families living in the neighborhood.

Pioneers of Lower East Side dining, such as wd-50 and The Stanton Social, will join forces with newcomers including Sorella and Porchetta, to offer signature dishes to complement other offerings from Saxelby Cheesemongers, Think Coffee, il laboratorio del gelato, and cocktails from supporting liquor sponsors, among others. The event will also feature a live DJ, a silent auction, raffle prizes, and the honoring of members of Grand Street Settlement's volunteer program, J.U.M.P.! (Juniors Undertaking Manhattan's Pleasures).

Grand Street Settlement's 9th Annual Taste of the Lower East Side

Date: Thursday, May 7th, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Location: The Puck Building, 293 Lafayette Street (at Houston)

Cost: \$150 per person in advance, \$200 at the door

Tickets: Advanced tickets can be purchased at www.grandstreet.org/taste

For a complete list of participating restaurants and sponsors, please visit www.grandstreet.org/taste.

ABOUT TASTE OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE

The event was originally created by a group of young professionals who were active volunteers with Grand Street Settlement. The event has grown in size every year and this year the crowd is expected to reach near 1,200. Long-time Grand Street Settlement volunteer Joe Campanelli says, "even though these are tough economic times, I think people are willing to spend money on an event like this because it's a great value. There is plenty to eat and drink and supporting Grand Street Settlement is so important. It's a true cornerstone of the Lower East Side." For sponsorship opportunities, please call: Jessica Williamson at 646.201.4207.

2009 Participating Restaurants

Alias
Allen & Delancey
Bacaro
barrio chino
Butcher Bay
Café Cortadito
Clinton St. Baking Co. & Restaurant
Double Crown
El Maguey Y La Tuna
Falai Panetteria
Fat Hippo
il laboratorio del gelato
‘inoteca
Kampuchea Restaurant
The Kitchen Club/Chibi's Bar
Kuma Inn
Little Giant
Loreley Restaurant & Biergarten
Macondo
Mercadito
Oliva
Palá Pizza
Paladar
Porchetta
Public
Rayuela
Rice & Jack's Coffee
Roni-Sue's Chocolates
Salt Bar
San Marzano
Satsko
Saxelby Cheesemongers
savorNY
Shang
Sorella
The Stanton Social
Sugar Sweet Sunshine
Thor
Think Coffee
Tiny's Giant Sandwich Shop
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Veselka
wd-50

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