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Tickets to “An Evening with Anthony Bourdain & Eric Ripert” on sale July 19

INDIANAPOLIS (July 15, 2010)—Tickets to see celebrity chefs Anthony Bourdain and Eric Ripert at Clowes Memorial Hall go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday, July 19.

“An Evening with Anthony Bourdain and Eric Ripert” is set for Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University. Bourdain, who hosts the Travel Channel’s “No Reservations,” and his friend and fellow celebrity chef Eric Ripert of the PBS show “Avec Eric” will tell stories and share frank and provocative insights into what really goes on behind kitchen doors.

Tickets are available at www.Ticketmaster.com, charge-by-phone at 800.982.2787, all Ticketmaster locations and at the Clowes Memorial Hall box office. Tickets are \$25, \$40 and \$100. There are limited \$100 tickets available, which includes admittance to a private reception with the speakers in the Krannert Room at Clowes immediately following the show.

Bourdain and Ripert were invited to Indianapolis by the Indiana Humanities Council and Spirit & Place Festival as part of the Food for Thought initiative and IndyTalks series. Financial support is being provided by BSA LifeStructures, Butler University, Café Patachou, Citizens Energy Group and the Efroymsen Family Fund, a CICF Fund.

Food for Thought is a statewide program of the Indiana Humanities Council that encourages Hoosiers to think, read and talk about food online and in person through events, festivals, public conversations, reading programs, a traveling exhibit, community gardens and more. The Spirit & Place Festival, an annual event designed to stimulate conversation, collaboration, community building and action, has chosen Food for Thought as its 2010 theme.

“These chefs are popular with foodies as well as the general public, and we’re looking forward to bringing them here for a conversation about how food and culture are interrelated,” said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of the Indiana Humanities Council.

Pam Blevins Hinkle, director of the Spirit & Place Festival, said, “We chose Food for Thought as the 2010 festival theme because what we eat and how we eat illuminates important issues that need conversation. Food tells us volumes about our history and culture as well as our spiritual, social, and economic values. We’re excited to have such blockbuster speakers get the conversation started.”

About Anthony Bourdain

Anthony Michael “Tony” Bourdain is a chef and author who gained immediate popularity from his 2000 *New York Times* bestselling book, “Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly.” The book is a witty and rambunctious expose of the hidden and darker side of the culinary world, as well as a memoir of Bourdain’s professional life. A follow-up book, “Medium Raw,” was published in June 2010 and explores the changes in the subculture of chefs and cooks and the restaurant business over the last 10 years. He also is host of “Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations,” a culinary and cultural adventure program on the Travel Channel. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and a veteran of professional kitchens, Bourdain is currently a chef-at-large whose home base is Brasserie Les Halles, a French restaurant with locations in New York and Miami.

About Eric Ripert

Eric Ripert was born in Antibes, France, and learned to cook at a young age. By 15, he left home for culinary school in Perpignan. At 17, he moved to Paris and worked for top chefs there, as well as in Washington, D.C., and in New York. He was recruited in 1994 as chef for Le Bernardin, one of the finest restaurants in New York and the world. It received four stars, the highest rating, from *The New York Times* more than 20 years ago, and has retained those stars more than twice as long as any other current four-star restaurant in the city.

About the Spirit & Place Festival

The Spirit & Place Festival stimulates conversation, collaboration, community building and action through collaboration among arts, religious, and civic organizations. Spirit & Place is a collaborative community project managed by The Polis Center, part of the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI. Major financial contributors include Lilly Endowment Inc.; Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation, Inc.; the Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of CICF; Eli Lilly and Company; IUPUI/IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI; and the University of Indianapolis, as well as more than 200 other community partners and donors. For a free festival magazine or more information, call The Polis Center at (317) 274-2455 or visit www.spiritandplace.org. This year's Festival takes place November 5-14, 2010.

About the Indiana Humanities Council

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