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2009 Nantucket Wine Festival to Feature Daniel Bruce as "Celebrity Chef"

Wine Auction Dinner to Benefit the Nantucket Historical Association

Boston (May 7, 2009) – Daniel Bruce, Executive Chef of the Boston Harbor Hotel and the hotel's Meritage and Rowes Wharf Sea Grille restaurants, will be honored as this year's "Celebrity Chef" at the Nantucket Wine Festival's 2009 Celebrity Chef and Winemaker Auction Dinner. The Nantucket Wine Festival's marquee event, the Celebrity Chef and Winemaker Auction Dinner, will be held on May 16, 2009 at the White Elephant Hotel and will benefit the Nantucket Historical Association.

Chef Daniel Bruce founded the Boston Wine Festival twenty years ago and is an expert in pairing wine and cuisine. Meritage echoes Chef Bruce's unique style – matching wine and cuisine by offering small and large plates paired with specific wine characteristics. For the Celebrity Chef and Winemaker Auction Dinner, Chef Bruce will prepare creative cuisine with lots of local flavor. Dishes include *Cornmeal and Shrimp Empanadas with Cava Aioli*; *Honey Mushroom Soup Sip with Spring Chive Oil*; *Pan Roasted Cod Loin*; and *Leeks, Fingerling Potatoes and Sweet Corn*. For dessert, guests will enjoy *Golden Pineapple and Raspberry Macaroon Tart*. Each dish is perfectly paired to the critically-acclaimed wines of Fine Estates in Spain, presented by Jorge Ordonez, president and founder. Following dinner, the auction portion of the evening will feature rare wines, large format bottles signed by the winemakers, and a variety of splendid and unusual "life-style" items.

The evening's beneficiary, the Nantucket Historical Association, is dedicated to preserving Nantucket's heritage. With its museums and historic sites, the association reveals the way that islanders have lived and worked for more than 300 years. By touring the properties, visitors see how Nantucket evolved from a small farming community to be the capital of the American whaling industry to a popular resort community. Today, Nantucket is home to the nation's largest concentration of 18th century buildings, miles of pristine beaches, and one of the largest cranberry bogs in the region. The Nantucket Historical Association has been a part of the community since 1894 and strives to preserve, collect, and educate into the island's future.

The Nantucket Wine Festival's 2009 Celebrity Chef and Winemaker Auction Dinner will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 7p.m. – 11p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.nantucketwinefestival.com.

About Chef Daniel Bruce:

Daniel Bruce has served as executive chef at the Boston Harbor Hotel for more than twenty years earning the hotel a reputation for culinary excellence. When he first started at the hotel, Chef Bruce launched the Boston Wine Festival which two decades later has evolved into a three month run of food and wine pairing dinners hosted by the world's best winemakers. For each dinner

Chef Bruce creates a unique menu of dishes inspired by the flavors of the wines that will be served, resulting in more than three thousand original dishes since the Festival's start. Chef Bruce's Festival has expanded to other cities such as New Orleans and Washington D.C. and led to the opening of Meritage at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Meritage, a Mobil four star restaurant, celebrates the Festival's unique concept of pairing the flavors of wine with the flavors in food. Chef Bruce's newest restaurant at the Boston Harbor Hotel is the Rowes Wharf Sea Grille which opens this May. With its vibrant harbor setting, nautically-influenced design and menu of seafood selections that are simply yet artfully prepared, the Rowes Wharf Sea Grille celebrates the hotel's beautiful waterfront setting.

About the Boston Harbor Hotel:

The Boston Harbor Hotel is Boston's landmark waterfront hotel and a recipient of the Mobil Travel Guide Five Star Award. With its dramatic archway and domed rotunda at historic Rowes Wharf, the building is considered an architectural treasure and is one of the most photographed buildings in New England. With service as memorable as the setting, the Boston Harbor Hotel pampers every guest with thoughtful attention and distinctly Boston style. The city's only independent grand hotel, the Boston Harbor Hotel is a member of the international luxury collection, Preferred Hotels & Resorts. For additional information, please visit our website at www.bhh.com.

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