



COOKS & CORKS

The culinary community comes together under the stars for a good cause

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Each year, Cooks & Corks – an annual celebration of local cuisine, wine and the arts set under the stars in north Scottsdale – is among one of the hottest tickets in town. And given the lineup of culinary all-stars who take part, it's no wonder why.

This year's fourth annual Cooks & Corks celebration, hosted by The Scottsdale League for the Arts, will feature Arizona's top local chefs and a one-of-a-kind collection of winemakers. Along with fine spirits and craft beer sponsored by Hensley Beverage Co., guests will indulge in a true foodie celebration under the stars.

The culinary talent, each serving up bite-sized delicacies from their fall and winter menus, includes:

- Mel Mecinas,
- Talavera at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North
- Joey Cavaretta,

If You Go...
What: Cooks & Corks
When: Nov. 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Where: Four Seasons Scottsdale, 10600 E. Crescent Moon Drive, Scottsdale
Tickets: VIP, \$175; general admission, \$125
Information: www.cooksand-corks.org



- Proof at the Four Seasons Scottsdale
- Rick Boyer, The Phoenician
- Joseph Castillo, Sushi Roku
- Forest Hamrick, Toro at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess
- Derek Biazo, deseos at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa
- Jeremy Pacheco, LON's at The Hermosa Inn
- Todd Allison, T.Cook's at Royal Palms Resort
- Matt Carter, Zinc Bistro

Wine lovers can expect to sample some of the best-selling and highest-end varietals from Cellar 433, Ferrari-Carano Vineyards & Winery and Quintessential Wines, among others. For those who prefer craft beer and spirits, there will be dozens of amazing options to taste as well.

And, given this is a celebration of the arts just as much as the food, Cooks & Corks will welcome Sassy and The Sneak Attack, a high-energy disco, rock and funk ensemble, to perform all evening long. Guests can also take part in interactive experiences, courtesy of Pinspiration and Photobooth9, as well as a silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

New to the event this year is a luxe VIP experience hosted by Onyx Bar & Lounge at the Four Seasons Scottsdale.

"Each year, we are looking for ways to provide an even more elevated experience for guests, and the addition of this VIP experience seemed the natural next step," says Marc Bromley of the Four Seasons Scottsdale. "The VIP ticket not only includes early entry into the event, but a Champagne welcome and gourmet chocolate experience, among other surprises."

All net proceeds raised will support Scottsdale League for the Arts in its effort to promote arts and arts education organizations in the Valley.