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Arts Council sets annual 'Star Shine' fund-raiser

Friday, 13 June 2008

For the Daily News

The Starkville Area Arts Council is pleased to announce its fifth annual StarShine Scholarship Fundraising event, to be held Aug. 8 and 9 at the Mississippi State University Raspet Flight Research Center.

Celebrity Chef Tim Creehan will be the honored guest headlining this year's culinary affair.

StarShine heats up Friday night with a competition between local chefs for a good ol' fashioned southern cook-off. It continues Saturday morning with cooking classes lead by the always animated Chef Creehan. The two-day event sizzles into Saturday evening when Chef Creehan prepares an exceptional four course dinner, a meal truly fit for royalty.

As the owner of two Destin restaurants, author of two cookbooks and caterer to the stars at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, Executive Chef Creehan is a true talent with a passion for food and a spirit for the arts.

"I'm always looking for a new challenge and I strive to be the best chef I can be," says Creehan in his book Simple Cuisine.

Beginning at the age of 14, Chef Creehan's accomplishments are as amazing as they are astounding. His love for cooking and zest for life has earned him the privilege of serving in restaurants around the world, appearing as guest chef in some of the most honored culinary events and personally cooking for celebrities such as Amy Grant, Cybill Shepherd and Timothy Hutton. Creehan's unfaltering energy and drive for success have earned him titles of "Youngest and Most Accomplished Certified Executive Chefs in the US", "Shinning Star Chef" and "Celebrated Chef".

Chef Creehan has also opened a new Culinary Center in Destin, patented a non-stick grilling instant marinade and has been a frequent host of culinary television shows, including Beach TV's "Emerald Coast Chefs". He has instructed culinary students of all ages and has donated his time, food and talent to many charitable organizations. In addition to his live performances, the Chef's recipes have been featured on Emeril Lagasse's TV show and in endless publications across the country.

Chef Creehan is a true gift to the art of cooking. His creations and talent have touched lives across the globe for the past thirty years. The Starkville Area Arts Council is honored to continue Chef Creehan's influence and legacy to the residents of Starkville.

More detailed information about the StarShine Fundraiser will be released in the coming weeks.

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