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## **Chef Roy Yamaguchi Hosts ALOHA KITCHEN CHALLENGE On September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Roy's in Atlanta**

Students from **The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Atlanta** and **Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts** pair up with top local chefs to win prestigious internship

**Atlanta, Georgia, September 2008** – Internationally-acclaimed Chef Roy Yamaguchi has expanded his **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Culinary Tour** dinner to include the “**Aloha Kitchen Challenge.**” The gourmet competition pairs three culinary students with top local celebrity chefs **Jeff Wright** of **HOME**, **Justin Ward** of the **Art Institute of Atlanta** and **Ru San** of **Ru Sans** to compete for the chance to win a prestigious internship with a master **Roy's** chef. Judges for the challenge will include Atlanta personalities, such as **Erica Glasener**, Host of "A Gardener's Diary"; **Zach Klein**, ABC Sports Anchor/Reporter; and **Thomas Arvid**, world-renowned artist.

The partnering chef teams will be asked to create an exceptional entrée in the spirit of **Roy's** signature Hawaiian Fusion<sup>®</sup> Cuisine. Guests will enjoy the one-of-a-kind experience of interacting with prominent chefs while indulging in the five-course dinner— which will include two courses by Chef Roy and **Roy's** Chef Partner Mac Lynch, and one entrée from each competing team. Judges will rate each team's creation on taste, presentation, and individuality, and will award the winning duo's student an internship with **Roy's** highly-trained expert chefs.

“Teaching and mentoring aspiring chefs has always been a passion of mine,” said Chef Roy. “I am excited to be working with this talented group of great chefs, as we contribute to the culinary community by cultivating new talent with a challenging and rewarding internship.”

The Aloha Kitchen Challenge five-course dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and is \$100 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling **Roy's** in Buckhead at 404/231-3232. The restaurant is located in the Marsh Building (3475 Piedmont Road NE).

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## **Roy's Aloha Kitchen Challenge**

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### **About the 20th Anniversary Culinary Tour:**

Internationally-acclaimed Chef Roy Yamaguchi is celebrating his 20th year anniversary since he first founded **Roy's** in Honolulu. He launched a nine-city Anniversary Culinary Tour in Orlando, Florida in early March which will culminate with a **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spectacular** in Honolulu on October 4 and 5. Remaining Culinary Tour cities on the mainland include **New York** and **Baltimore**.

The schedule for Roy Yamaguchi's 20th Anniversary Culinary Tour follows:

Orlando, FL	Wednesday, March 5
Los Angeles, CA	Thursday, March 20
Las Vegas, NV	Tuesday, April 8
San Francisco, CA	Thursday, April 10
Chicago, IL	Thursday, May 22
Philadelphia, PA	Tuesday, August 19
New York, NY	Wednesday, September 17
Atlanta, GA	Tuesday, September 23
Baltimore, MD	Thursday, September 25

### **About Roy's:**

Founded by internationally acclaimed Chef Roy Yamaguchi, Roy's restaurants reflect his personal commitment to serve exciting and innovative Hawaiian Fusion<sup>®</sup> Cuisine of the highest quality in an elegant, yet casual atmosphere. Based on childhood memories of the feelings and flavors of Hawaii, Chef Roy's unique style of cooking combines the freshest local ingredients, bold Asian spices and European sauces, with a focus of fresh seafood. Chef Roy holds the distinction of earning Hawaii's first prestigious James Beard Award. For more information, please visit [www.roysrestaurant.com](http://www.roysrestaurant.com)

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