



HALEKULANI LIVING PRESENTS LYNNE ROSSETTO KASPER

“The Splendid Table”

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HONOLULU, HI – December 19, 2006. A savory Italian meal is as comforting as a “House Befitting Heaven” in the sophisticated heart of Waikiki. On Sunday, January 14, 2007, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., the passion and skill of Northern Italian cooking will come to life at Hawaii’s premiere resort, Halekulani, with special guest, Lynne Rossetto Kasper. Co-presented by the Hale ‘Aina ‘Ohana, renowned author, speaker, broadcast host and chef, Kasper invites guests to journey back 500-years in exploration of the most fascinating and little-known culinary traditions in all of Italy.

For \$75 per person, guests will enjoy an interactive lecture and slideshow presentation, food and wine reception and receive a copy of her award-winning book, *“The Splendid Table: Recipes from Emilia-Romagna, the Heartland of Northern Italian Food.”* For ten years, Kasper researched the region of Emilia-Romagna, widely known for producing three of the country’s world-class foods: Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, Prosciutto di Parma and the true balsamic vinegar that is aged for decades and sipped as a liqueur. Reservations are available at 931-5040. Complimentary valet parking provided courtesy of Halekulani.

About Lynne Rossetto Kasper:

Lynne Rossetto Kasper is the host of American Public Media's national food show, The Splendid Table®, was elected Who's Who in American Food and Wine and holds an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree. Her warmth, sense of humor and culinary knowledge has garnered her loyal listenership. Lynne is one of America's most respected Italian food experts and cultural historians. Yet in her 30 years as a food professional her inquisitiveness has taken her into the cuisines of Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Mediterranean. In fact, Lynne began her career in New York City teaching Chinese cooking. Lynne trained and continues to work on both sides of the Atlantic with chefs, scientists, historians, anthropologists, culinary artisans and home cooks. The James Beard Foundation calls Lynne...a riveting storyteller, who combines deep scholarship with humor and a contagious passion for her subject."

About Hale ‘Aina Ohana

Hale ‘Aina ‘Ohana is a culinary nonprofit dedicated to championing culinary education in Hawaii.

MEDIA NOTE:

Lynne Rossetto Kasper’s extensive bio and headshot are available upon request and Ms. Kasper is available for advance interviews. Contact Erika Kauffman, Director of Public Relations, Hotels & Resorts of Halekulani, (808) 526-1186 or Erika.Kauffman@halekulanicorp.com

HALEKULANI CONNOISSEUR

Halekulani offers connoisseurs from around the world the most delectable and creative cuisine found in the Hawaiian Islands. With its striving commitment for epicurean excellence, Halekulani is uncorking an array of special events celebrating all things savory. From wine events with masterful producers, seasonal organic tastings, cocktail festivals, to cooking lessons with award-winning Halekulani chefs, and enticing restaurant promotions found only at House Without a Key, Orchids, Lewers Lounge and La Mer, the series, *Halekulani Living* will inspire and satisfy the most discriminating of gourmets.

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About the series, Halekulani Living

Halekulani Living was crafted to provide guests an immersive, authentic and memorable Halekulani experience showcasing the Hotel’s dynamic offerings in cuisine, the arts and wellness. Halekulani Living is founded on the Hotel’s unwavering philosophy to and commitment of an enriched lifestyle, sophisticated elegance, innovative guest programming and award-winning hospitality. *Forthcoming Halekulani Living events will be announced individually.

About Halekulani

Consistently ranked among the world's best hotels, Halekulani is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and Okura Hotels & Resorts, two exclusive organizations pursuing service excellence and standards of the highest quality. *Travel + Leisure* ranked Halekulani as #1 hotel in Oahu and #19 worldwide in 2006; while naming the *Vera Wang Suite at Halekulani* one of the 50 most romantic destinations in the world. Also in 2006, the three year-old *SpaHalekulani* was named a "Leading Spa of the World" and the #2 best resort spa in North America by Conde Nast Traveler. In addition, Halekulani's fine dining restaurant La Mer is Hawaii's only AAA-Five Diamond Restaurant, holding this esteemed rating for 17-consecutive years, as well as being voted #8 of "America's Top 100 Hotel Restaurants" by Zagat in 2006. The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. has bestowed Halekulani with its annual *Quality Award*, making the Waikiki resort the only Leading Hotel to achieve this prestigious honor in either the United States or Canada.

Halekulani is managed by the Hotels and Resorts of Halekulani, a brand management division of the Honolulu-based Halekulani Corporation, which also manages Waikiki Parc Hotel. For reservations and information contact your travel planner or the hotel at (800) 367-2343 or (808) 923-2311. Reservations can also be made through Halekulani's website at www.halekulani.com.

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