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The Classic Catering People Names Jon Lindenauer Director of Creative Research & Menu Design

Former Chef de Cuisine for Bon Appétit Magazine returns to Classic, bringing more than 15 years of culinary experience to his new role

BALTIMORE (May 29, 2012) – The Classic Catering People announced today that internationally respected chef and food and wine expert Jon Lindenauer has been named as Director of Creative Research & Menu Design. In this role, Lindenauer will be intimately involved in daily operations for the company, which will include everything from client consultations and menu design to food preparation and the execution of events. Lindenauer joins The Classic Catering People to further its goal of making every catered event, large or small, a memorable experience where guests feel their dish was made to order.

Prior to joining The Classic Catering People, Lindenauer served as the Chef de Cuisine for Bon Appétit for six years. In this position he created recipes and oversaw production for the magazine's print, Web and TV content. He also conducted food and wine seminars and demonstrations. Before Bon Appétit, Lindenauer served as a food and wine consultant for Michael Skurnik Wines and a freelance consultant for The Food Network's "Iron Chef" television program. Lindenauer also logged time at top four-star restaurants in New York City, including Jean Georges and Les Cèlebrites. Lindenauer attended the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and studied under Chef Hartmut Handke. Shortly after, he worked with The Classic Catering People from 2001 to 2002 as a Chef creating new recipes, menus and working on events.

"Jon is familiar with the many facets of the food world and has a gift for visualizing a meal in its entirety—the way it looks, tastes and smells," said Harriet Dopkin, co-owner and president of The Classic Catering People. "Whether a customer comes to us for a business luncheon of ten or a grand soiree of 1,000, Jon has a unique ability to create memorable dishes able to satisfy even the most sophisticated pallets. We're eager for him to continue The Classic Catering People's tradition of excellence in catering."

"Coming back to Baltimore and to The Classic Catering People is in a lot of ways bringing my career full circle," said Jon Lindenauer. "One criticism people often make about catered food is that taste and quality diminish because it's prepared en masse. That's simply not the case. The Classic Catering People has always been a trusted household name and I'm ready to take the company a step further, driving home the message that à la carte catering for any size event is possible."

Lindenauer also brings to The Classic Catering People his knowledge of international cooking and cuisines garnered from his time on the Paris restaurant scene. He prides himself on being a hands-on chef who gets involved in all aspects of the culinary experience. Lindenauer's intensive training at CIA, coupled with nearly two decades of culinary work, makes him uniquely qualified to assist clients on the business side, as well as create inspired catering dishes with an à la carte touch. Lindenauer graduated from The University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in Economics and Finance. He currently resides in Howard County.

About The Classic Catering People

A Baltimore company with more than 40 years of experience in the arenas of social and corporate catering, The Classic Catering People (TCCP) believes that a passion for food is at the base of every event. TCCP has an accomplished culinary team of inventive chefs that continually exceed the expectations of each client's palette with menus that present engaging flavors. For more information, visit [The Classic Catering People](#).

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