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**OAKROOM EXECUTIVE CHEF MAKING NATIONAL TELEVISION DEBUT ON
FOODNETWORK'S IRON CHEF AMERICA**

(Louisville, KY) November 13, 2007 – Culinary excitement is raging in “Kitchen Stadium” as the Seelbach Hilton’s Oakroom Executive Chef Todd Richards gets set to square off against Iron Chef Cat Cora on *Iron Chef America*. The *Food Network* program will premiere on Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time, in the Louisville market on Insight Cable Channel 46.

Each episode of *Iron Chef America* is a match-up between a world-class chef and one of a small cadre of Iron Chefs that include Cat Cora, Mario Batali, Bobby Flay, and Masaharu Morimoto. The opponents are given a “secret ingredient” that they must not divulge to the public prior to air time. Like all contestants, Cora and The Oakroom’s Todd Richards were given less than one hour to concoct a full five-course dinner using that “secret ingredient” in each course. Despite assorted bribery attempts, Richards remains tough. “I’ll never tell,” he says. You’ll have to tune in to find out.” He is also not at liberty to disclose who a three-judge panel declared the winner. The suspense continues!

On the night of his *Iron Chef America* debut, Chef Richards is inviting his devoted patrons to watch the program with him at a special party. The Oakroom and adjoining Anteroom parlor at The Seelbach Hilton will be filled with big screen television sets and of course, tastings from The Oakroom’s incomparable cuisine. There may even be samples from the *Iron Chef* menu. The media is invited to cover this historic culinary event!

WHEN: Sunday, December 2, 2007
8:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

(*Iron Chef America* featuring Todd Richards will air at 9:00 p.m.)

WHERE: The Oakroom at The Seelbach Hilton
500 South Fourth Street, Downtown Louisville

Richards will also reproduce his *Iron Chef* menu at The Oakroom for a special dinner on Thursday, December 6, 2007. The menu (without revealing the “secret ingredient”) is:

Appetizer:	<i>Sweet Breads</i>
Soup:	<i>Coffee Smoked Turkey</i>
Salad:	<i>Pancetta Pineapple</i>
Entree:	<i>Beef Osso Buco</i>
Dessert:	<i>Cake with a special interpretation of a classic dessert</i>
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The cost is \$60.00 per person. Reservations are available by calling 502-585-DINE. The individual dishes on the Iron Chef menu will also be available to patrons wishing to order from the regular menu.

Background: The producers at *Food Network's Iron Chef America* travel the country in search of world-class chefs who can compete with the best.

Since arriving at The Seelbach Hilton's Oakroom in 2004, Executive Chef Todd Richards has gained a reputation for masterfully infusing his signature contemporary cuisine into the Seelbach Hilton's historic eatery. As one of only 48 executive chefs at a AAA 5-Diamond-rated restaurant, he has transformed The Oakroom into a modern culinary jewel.

Earlier this year, Richards received rave reviews at New York City's prestigious James Beard House, where he and his culinary dream team cooked up an exciting menu entitled, "Modern Interpretations of Classic American Comfort Food and Cocktails." He was also recently invited to whip up a special bourbon brunch in England for a group of London's most acclaimed chefs.

Richards made his national television debut this summer on *Food Network's Throwdown with Bobby Flay* where he served as a judge in search of the best of Kentucky's ultimate comfort food, "The Hot Brown" sandwich.

The upcoming episode of *Iron Chef America*, Todd Richards vs. Cat Cora, was taped in the New York City studios of *Food Network* in October of 2006. Richards is joined in "Kitchen Stadium" by his talented Chef de Cuisine, Duane Nutter and The Oakroom's creative Chief Mixologist, Jerry Slater, who prepares a special cocktail with the "secret ingredient."

Food Network (Insight Cable Channel 46) will re-air the December 2 *Iron Chef America* program. Here is the schedule:

December 3, 2007	12:00 a.m.
December 6, 2007	9:00 p.m.
December 7, 2007	12:00 a.m.
December 8, 2007	7:00 p.m.
December 8, 2007	11:00 p.m.
December 9, 2007	2:00 a.m.

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