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“Foodportunity” to Showcase Local Culinarians

**A food networking event connecting
Seattle's vibrant food community**

For Immediate Release:

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15, 2010: The next “Foodportunity,” a series of networking events for Seattle food professionals, will take place on March 22nd, 2010, from 6pm-9pm at the Palace Ballroom.

Attendees will include local food writers, bloggers, restaurateurs, food producers, PR professionals and other companies from the food and hospitality industry.

Following the sold-out success of previous Foodportunity evenings in 2009, Seattle event planner and food blogger Keren Brown has created an opportunity to connect informally with several of Seattle’s most talented chefs and restaurant owners. These chefs and owners will be available for questions and conversation in the lounge of the Palace Ballroom between 6:30pm-7:15pm.

- **Tom Douglas**, owner of the Palace Ballroom, Palace Kitchen, Lola, Etta’s, Serious Pie, Dahlia Lounge and Dahlia Bakery.
- **Ron Zimmerman** and **Carrie Van Dyck**, owners of The Herbfarm in Woodinville
- **Brian Canlis**, co-owner of Canlis Restaurant
- **Rachel Yang** and **Seif Chirchi**, owners and chefs at Joule in Wallingford
- **Greg Atkinson**, contributing editor to *Food Arts* magazine and to *The Seattle Times*, chef-instructor at Seattle Culinary Academy.

For the first 40 people who send an email to info@foodportunity.com, there will also be a “speed networking” event, beginning at 8:30pm, chaired by KOMO restaurant reporter and *Seattle Weekly* “Voracious” blogger **Julien Perry**. “Speed networking gives you a taste of 20 new people. You can decide who you want to follow up with,” Brown says.

Foodportunity participants will enjoy appetizers from several of Seattle's most talked about restaurants, and the opportunity to engage with a wide range of food companies.

Tom Douglas, awarded National Restaurant of the Year by *Bon Appetit* magazine and a national James Beard nominee for Restaurateur of the Year, will provide his Palace Ballroom facilities to host the event and serve a selection of appetizers. Additional participating restaurants include: **Mistral Kitchen, Spring Hill, Cascina Spinasse, Cicchetti, Dinette, Olivar and Urbane.**

Beer and wine will be available from a cash bar, and a wide range of food products from local companies will be on display.

Foodportunity is open to food journalists, bloggers, public relations professionals, restaurateurs, farmers, companies and all food-passionate people. Admission is \$22 (plus booking fees; \$28 after March 14) which includes bites from restaurants and companies. Tickets can be purchased through BrownPaperTickets.com <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/100118>

The Palace Ballroom is located at 2100 5th Avenue in downtown Seattle. More information is available online at Foodportunity.com.

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Keren Brown, aka Frantic Foodie, is the founder of [Foodportunity](http://Foodportunity.com), highly popular events for food enthusiasts and food professionals. Keren Brown also founded the monthly Seattle Food Blogger Events , events that connect Seattle's food blogging community and create lasting connections. Keren's food events information can be found at Frantic Foodie in the [Seattle P-I](http://SeattleP-I.com) , FranticFoodie.com and on the events page of MyNorthwest.com