WUSF Public Media Celebrates Sold-Out ‘Longest Table’ Epicurean Gala in Downtown St. Petersburg to Support Public Radio in Tampa Bay

More than 700 guests joined together to enjoy food and wine served by 11 tremendous restaurants.

ST PETERSBURG, Fla. (April 15, 2022) – WUSF Public Media is celebrating a tremendous success of its annual “Longest Table” epicurean gala, as more than 700 guests joined together the event along the beautiful St. Petersburg downtown waterfront Thursday evening to support Tampa Bay’s public radio broadcaster.

Guests enjoyed a gourmet four-course dinner paired with fine wines food and wine from 11 fabulous restaurants that each served a segment of a table that stretched from the Vinoy hotel to the Museum of Fine Arts. The Longest Table is the annual fundraiser and gathering of supporters of WUSF, and all funds go to support the station that broadcasts programs such as “Morning Edition,” “Florida Matters,” and “Wait Wait… Don’t Tell Me!” as well as emergency storm information and Florida’s classical music station, WSMR 89.1 and 103.9.

“What a wonderful night to see so many friends and supporters, all gathered in person to celebrate and support public radio in this area,” said WUSF General Manager JoAnn Urofsky. “And all the better that everyone enjoyed such wonderful food and wine together.”

Following the huge success of the event, WUSF plans a wide spectrum of unique, in-person events this year that will bring to Tampa Bay some of the biggest names and most popular shows in public radio for live performances at the Tampa Theatre, the Mahaffey Theater and more.
The Longest Table event included many restaurants that come back each year for Longest Table, including 400 Beach, Sophies at Saks Fifth Avenue and more. As well, several new restaurants joined the event, including Pasta Monsta, A Night in Istanbul and more.

Menus spanned a wide range of tastes and styles, for instance: 400 Beach with an appetizer of “Chilled Sweet Corn Veloute,” a first course of “Watermelon and Crab,” a second course of “Grilled Peaches,” and third course of “Gremolata Crusted Florida Grouper.”

“We give a heartfelt ‘thank you’ to all the guests and staff and restaurants who helped make this wonderful event happen,” Urofsky said. “Plans are already underway for next year’s event, so be on the lookout for a ‘Save the Date’ for 2023!”

Sponsors of this year’s event included The City of St. Petersburg, The UPS Store, Pinellas Community Foundation, and St. Petersburg College Foundation.

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