

Lexington Restaurant Week Unites the Bluegrass to Feed Creative Life









Much like the many arts organizations that bring vibrancy and livability to our city, locally-owned, independent restaurants also enhance our community. They help attract new businesses and visitors to our city. They give us a good reason to not only get out and about, but get involved. "Restaurants are the 'ultimate social networking sites,'" said Connie Miller, owner of Group CJ and founder of Lexington Restaurant Week, "where encounters build relationships, camaraderie and community."



Held this year July 21-30, Lexington Restaurant Week counted over 40 of the best restaurants of the Bluegrass who offered up special \$26 prix fixe menus

throughout the 10-day epicurean fest. With a strong sense of community and a great deal of pride in the local arts scene, Lexington Restaurant Week, with the backing of BB&T and Maker's Mark, this year aligned Lexington's finest restaurants with LexArts.

Through this very special collaboration, one dollar of every Restaurant Week special sold was collected to support the nearly 30 arts organizations, both large and small, funded by LexArts. Throughout the event, over \$15,000 was collected from thousands of indulgent diners—who were not only supporting local restaurants that nourish our bodies and minds, but also the arts that feed our souls.

> Thank You • Al's Bar • Athenian Grill • Azur • Bella Notte Brasabana · Charlie Brown's · Chatham's · Cheapside Bar and Grill · Clawdaddy's · Coles 735 Main · Columbia's Steakhouse • County Club • Crust • Le Deauville • Distilled at Gratz Park • Doodles • Dudley's On Short · Enoteca · The Grey Goose · Holly Hill Inn • JDIs Grille & Tavern • Josie's • The Julep Cup • The Ketch Seafood Grill • Life Brewpub · Magee's Bakery · Malone's Merrick Inn
> Mezzo-Italian Café Minglewood · Palmers Fresh Grill · Pasta Garage Italian Café · Portofino · Sabío · Sal's · Saul Good Restaurant & Pub · Stella's Kentucky Deli · Table Three Ten • The Upstart Crow • Willie's Locally Known • Windy Corner Market and Restaurant • Wines on Vine