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THE SPEAKEASY THROWBACK: A SUMMIT OF LOCAL SPIRIT PRODUCERS & CHICAGO CHEFS JOIN FORCES FOR A CAUSE AT THE HISTORIC EMPIRE ROOM

Local chefs and distilleries team up under one roof for an evening of flappers, live music and a swingin' good time for a worthy cause

CHICAGO (June 21, 2010)—Get ready for a party Bertha Palmer herself would enjoy! On August 5, 2010 the [Palmer House Hilton](#) and Lockwood Executive Chef Phillip Foss will host **The Speakeasy Throwback: A Summit of Local Spirit Producers & Chicago Chefs** in the property's historic **Empire Room** from **6 – 9 p.m.** The bash will feature prominent chefs and local distilleries as they collaborate to deliver the preeminent tasting experience benefitting the Shawn Koch Foundation.

The prohibition-themed event will feature live music, food and cocktails, reminiscent of the Empire Room's golden era. Complete with a grand bathtub filled to the brim with spirits and a silent auction, the Speakeasy Throwback will bring together an unprecedented gathering of the area's top distilleries including *Koval Distillery*, *North Shore Distillery*, *Death's Door Spirits*, and *Templeton Rye*. Also joining the fete will be *Hum Botanical Spirits* and *Rare Tea Cellars*.

Each beverage station will feature a corresponding chef. Participating chefs thus far include Frank Brunacci of *Sixteen*, Curtis Duffy of *Avenues*, Dave Carrier of *Kith & Kin*, Mike Sheerin of *Blackbird*, Andrew Zimmerman of *Sepia*, Jerome Landrieu of *Callebaut Chocolate Academy* and Stephanie Iazard of *Girl and the Goat*, with additional chefs to sign on in the coming weeks. All will join forces to provide guests with a delectable array of bites that will be perfectly paired to a chosen cocktail, in addition to *Lockwood's* own Chef Phillip Foss.

The swinging soiree will serve to raise funds for the [Shawn Koch Foundation](#), a local charity supporting Shawn Koch, former beverage manager who has been fighting a rare form of brain cancer. Open to the public, the evening is also created to bring supporters of the culinary and

beverage community together in support of one of their own. Donations can be made now by visiting <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/shawnkoch>.

Tickets are \$95 per person and can be reserved by calling Lockwood restaurant at (312) 917-3404.

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