

East Meets West as Chef Wolfgang Puck Makes His San Diego Debut With Jai

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Master Chef's New Asian Fusion Restaurant Brings Gourmet Dining and Catering to Renowned La Jolla Playhouse

Internationally renowned chef Wolfgang Puck celebrates the official grand opening today of his latest creation, Jai by Wolfgang Puck, located in La Jolla Playhouse theater district. In addition, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place featuring an official proclamation of August 20, 2008 as "Wolfgang Puck Day" by San Diego County.

Working closely with Chef Puck to create the diverse menu featuring dishes ranging from miso sake broiled butterfish to crispy Cantonese duck, Chef Yoshinori Kojima-executive chef for Jai and former executive chef at Puck's Red 7 in Los Angeles-has been called upon to provide San Diego with a world-class dining experience that fuses rich Asian tradition and flavor with contemporary culinary trends.

"Jai is the perfect addition to a city that already celebrates diversity and a variety of cultures," said Chef Wolfgang Puck. "Both the menu and dining room design are fun, contemporary and rich with flavor -- just like La Jolla Playhouse. We are excited to partner with them to offer San Diegans the opportunity to enjoy fresh Asian cuisine along with the performing arts."

Beyond the plate, guests at Jai can enjoy a modern ambiance designed by architect Martin Vahtra of PROJECTS architectural and interior design firm. Vahtra also designed Red 7 for Puck plus Jay-Z's 40/40 Club in Las Vegas, and the Time Hotel in New York City.

Jai (pronounced "Jay"), whose name draws both on the Thai word for "heart" and references the Chinese good luck dish, is a part of Wolfgang Puck Catering, and in addition to the restaurant, offers full on- and off-site catering throughout San Diego.

On-site Catering

Located on the University of California-San Diego campus, Jai's light-filled dining room and inviting outdoor patio provides the perfect venue for private events. Accommodating groups of 10-135, Jai offers flexibility in its catering options. From renting out the entire restaurant for a larger function to the 18-seat private dining room, Jai's on-site catering provides the fine dining experience to private parties and events.

Off-site Catering

For the first time in San Diego, Wolfgang Puck Catering is offering its award-winning services to the residents. Preparing customized cuisine from start to finish, at the preferred venue of choice, Wolfgang Puck Catering dedicates a personal chef to each off-site catering event. If the customer's venue has a functioning kitchen, the chef will set up there however, if the venue does not have kitchen facilities, Wolfgang Puck Catering will bring in a mobile kitchen to make sure that the cuisine is perfectly prepared.

Jai is located next to La Jolla Playhouse's Mandell Weiss Forum. Dinner hours are 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, closed Mondays. Reservations are highly recommended and available by calling (858) 638-7778.

In addition to the full dining experience offered at Jai, Chef Puck also offers a 'grab and go' menu for theatergoers featuring paninis, sandwiches, salads, pastries and more at the WP Cafe located on the theatre grounds.

The new restaurant also will meld the art of good food with performing arts by hosting "cabaret" beginning in 2009.

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