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What: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation's Lane of Lanterns

When: Friday, May 19, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
1150 Lakeland Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39216

Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation Hosts Farm To Table Benefit Event

Jackson, Miss. — Come celebrate local food with farmers and chefs at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation's Lane of Lanterns benefit event on May 19 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event will take place along the main street of Small Town, Mississippi, the 1920s era small town located on the grounds of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

The farm to table event will feature local chefs, farmers and businesses who have partnered with the foundation to create a magical night for visitors. The chefs will prepare dishes for visitors to taste using local farm products, while the farmers who grew or raised the products tell their stories. Featured chefs include Matthew Kajdan, Executive Chef from Parlor Market; Mike Römhild, Executive Chef from Table 100; Wendy Putt, owner of Fresh Cut Catering and Floral; and Katie Dixon, a Top 6 contender appearing on Fox's MasterChef Season 7 from Hattiesburg.

A signature cocktail hour will begin at 7 p.m. A silent auction featuring items such as special edition jewelry, a fishing trip package for three and much more will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Sessions, a local jazz band, will provide musical entertainment throughout the evening.

Tickets for the Lane of Lanterns are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. To purchase tickets, stop by the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum or visit bit.ly/LaneOfLanterns. All proceeds from the Lane of Lanterns will benefit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation's rebuilding efforts from the devastating November 2014 fire, as well as future museum improvements. For more information about the event, contact Van Waites at 601-942-4985 or foundation@msagmuseumfoundation.org.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum is a division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. It is located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson and open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For up-to-date information on the museum, its progress or events, "like" the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum on Facebook, visit msagmuseum.org or call 601-432-4500.

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