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Press Release

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

2018 Farm to Table Fundraising Dinner

When: Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Where: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum

1150 Lakeland Drive Jackson, Mississippi 39216

Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation Hosts Benefit Dinner With Mississippi Chefs

Jackson, Miss. – Enjoy an evening under the stars and celebrate fresh, locally grown and prepared Mississippi food at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation's 2018 Lane of Lanterns benefit dinner on April 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. The Farm to Table event will be set up like a family style dinner, with tables and seating running down the main street of Small Town, Mississippi, the 1920s era small town located on the grounds of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

Celebrity chefs Nick Wallace and Katie Dixon will prepare appetizers and dinner for guests using ingredients grown by local Mississippi farmers. The signature cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. prior to a four course dinner being served at 7 p.m.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson will be this year's Lane of Lanterns guest of honor. Live music will be performed throughout the evening, creating a relaxing environment for guests to experience wonderful Mississippi food. The Small Town TBZH Print Shop and McIntosh Blacksmith Shop will have live demonstrations before dinner. A silent auction will also be held to benefit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

Proceeds from Lane of Lanterns 2018 will be used to support the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation's rebuilding efforts from the devastating November 2014 fire, with a primary focus on the completion of the inside of the Children's Barn-

Tickets for the Lane of Lanterns dinner are \$75. To purchase tickets, visit Eventbrite and search for Lane of Lanterns or visit the Lane of Lanterns Facebook page. For groups of 10 or more, or for more information, contact Doug Parkin at 601-259-4963 or director@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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