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MEET US IN THE KITCHEN FOR SOME LOVIN' ROUND THE OVEN!

Turn up the heat this Valentines Day and defrost that love life. Gourmet Gatherings introduces the newest way to mix and mingle this February with its red-hot new culinary event, **Gourmet Dating!** It's a fun, upscale way to polish your cooking techniques, eat fabulous food and mix it up with other fun Chicago singles.

This February, Gourmet Gatherings invites singles to participate in an exciting hands-on cooking party at the state of the art Sur La Table teaching kitchen in downtown Chicago. Guests are greeted at the door with a nibble and nametag. **Gourmet Dating's** lead chef for the evening will set the mood for fun and flirting with a short, lively demonstration of the evening's cooking tips and then divide guests into co-ed cooking teams. February's menu, "Tantalizing Tapas," will feature several of the delicious small plate dishes showcased on Gourmet Gatherings appearance on the TODAY Show this December. Each team prepares a recipe from the evening's gourmet menu while enjoying good wine, cool music and lot's of chemistry in the kitchen!

"Cooking is an ideal icebreaker," says Chef and Co-Owner Bibby Gignilliat. "It takes the pressure away from making small talk and gives our guests a chance to bond over their delicious success." Adds Co-Owner, Shannan Bishop, "nothing brings people together better than cooking, wine and music. We know it works, our guests have written to tell us!"

Recently featured in *Better Homes and Gardens* and on *NBC's the Today Show* and the *Food Network's* program "Recipe for Success," Gignilliat and Bishop are celebrating the growing success of Gourmet Gatherings, as a top culinary entertainment company. "This year is our fifth anniversary, says Gignilliat, and to mark this special occasion, we are thrilled to launch our new program for singles, **Gourmet Dating**, in time for Valentines Day right here in Chicago!"

Gourmet Gatherings designs fresh seasonal menus for each of its events. Guest don't need cooking experience to attend. The first **Gourmet Dating** event will be held at... on February . Tickets are . The price includes cooking instruction by professional chefs, menu ingredients, copies of the recipes and the camaraderie of cooking with new friends. For information please contact