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## **SANTA BABY, HURRY TO THE KITCHEN TONIGHT!**

This holiday season gather friends, family and colleagues together for a “hearth-warming” celebration right where the guests always want to be...IN the kitchen!

Gourmet Gatherings, San Francisco’s premiere gourmet entertaining company, can help you create an unexpected, unforgettable and perfectly delicious holiday event.

Recently nominated for the International Association of Culinary Professionals Award of Excellence and featured on KPIX’s Evening Magazine, Gourmet Gatherings stages hands-on cooking parties and corporate teambuilding events in private homes and rented professional kitchens all across the Bay Area.

At a Gourmet Gatherings cooking party, guests gather around the stove while star chefs from acclaimed restaurants such as Postrio, Gary Danko and Hawthorne Lane introduce a delicious menu of recipes the group will prepare under their professional guidance. With good wine and festive music to set the mood, guests are divided into culinary teams to prepare the recipes from the evening’s list of gourmet dishes. Guests then savor the “fruits” of their labor with Gourmet Gatherings on-hand to serve them.

This holiday season, Gourmet Gatherings is raising a glass to celebrate its fifth anniversary. To honor this wonderful milestone and our fabulous clients, we’ve created two mouthwatering party options for groups as small as 10 and up to 60. Hosts may choose from one of our irresistible four-course menus to throw a more traditional “Gourmet Gatherings Dinner Party,” or create a casual atmosphere with our new “Holiday Hors d’oeuvres” party which features seasonal small plate dishes passed around hot-from-the-oven, cocktail-style. With each option, you’ll be treated to menus, which highlight the season’s freshest ingredients. Dishes might include: Wild Mushroom Crostini with Stilton and Thyme, Arugula and Persimmon Salad with Spicy Pecans, Molasses-cured Pork Chop with Caramelized Apples on a bed of Creamy Polenta and finally, Cranberry Brioche Bread Pudding with Warm Caramel Sauce.

After a magical evening of fun, your guests just might not want to leave. Don’t forget, a Gourmet Gatherings gift certificate is a wonderful present for friends who’d like to throw their own Gourmet Gatherings event and keep the party going on way into the New Year!

“During the holidays everyone craves good company, good times and of course great food,” says Gourmet Gatherings chef and co-owner Bibby Gignilliat. “Nothing brings people together better the way cooking does.” Co-owner, Shannan Bishop adds, “while our parties are perfect for a wide-range of private celebrations and corporate events all year long, they are particularly fun and appropriate during the holidays because they emphasize friendship and sharing – the real spirit of the season.”

Remember, this holiday season the party’s IN the kitchen! Whether you’ve been naughty or nice, you and Gourmet Gatherings will be cooking something great over the coals!