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CRANK UP THE HEAT WITH LOVIN' AROUND THE OVEN

Cooking Parties for Gay Singles

SAN FRANCISCO (October, 2003) Are you ready for blind-date cooking? Gourmet Gatherings and Matchlive.com, the event affiliate of Match.com, turn up the heat with Gay Gourmets, an upscale culinary event where gay men learn cooking techniques, eat delectable food, and meet other fun gay singles.

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 San Francisco. Guest are greeted at the door with a nibble and nametag. After an introductory cooking lesson featuring tips such as the fastest way to dice an onion without a tear, guests are broken into cooking teams. Each team works on a recipe from the evening's four-course gourmet menu, all while sipping wine and listening to upbeat music. The group then sits down to savor the "fruits" of their labor with new friends! Between courses, guests change tables to ensure everyone has a chance to meet. After the event, copies of the recipes, digital photos, and e-mail address aliases are sent to the group.

"Cooking is an ideal icebreaker. Because guests are focusing on cooking together, it takes the pressure away from making small talk," notes Chef and Co-Owner Bibby Gignilliat, "and nothing brings people together better than cooking, wine and music," adds Co-Owner Shannan Bishop.

Gourmet Gatherings designs fresh seasonal menus for each event. Guests don't need cooking experience to attend. Gay Gourmets meets at Sur La Table, 77 Maiden Lane, San Francisco at 6 PM one Sunday evening each month. The next event is on November 23, 2003. Tickets are \$89 per person for Match.com members and \$99 for non-members. The ticket price includes cooking instruction by professional chefs, a four-course gourmet meal prepared with the finest, freshest ingredients, copies of the recipes, and the camaraderie of cooking with new friends or maybe a romance! For more information, go to: www.gourmetgatherings.com or call 415-437-9977. To purchase a ticket, go to www.matchlive.com and click on Bay Area.

