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**Chef Jon Buchanan of Trevisio Earns Top Prize at
8TH Annual International Risotto Festival**

*Successful Culinary Event Benefits Conrad N. Hilton College
of Hotel & Restaurant Management*

HOUSTON, TX (October 19, 2010) – Chef Jon Buchanan of Trevisio earned top prize with his Crabmeat and Meyers Lemon Risotto at the 8th Annual International Risotto Festival benefitting the University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management. Buchanan, no stranger to the Risotto Festival, also won first place in 2004.

A panel of esteemed judges including Italian Consul General Fabrizio Nava sampled all eighteen risotto entries from Houston's top chefs and submitted votes based on taste, presentation, and creativity. First runner up and new competitor, Jamie Zelko of Zelko Bistro, wowed the judges with her white Alba truffle risotto. Also in the winners circle were Philippe Schmit of Philippe Restaurant with the 2nd runner up award for his beef ragut risotto and John Sheely of Mockingbird Bistro received an honorable mention for his wild mushroom risotto.

Proceeds from the event support scholarships at the prestigious Hilton College, one of the top hospitality programs in the world. The event was presented by The Grand Soiree & The Houston Design Center and made possible by support from sponsors including The Greater Houston Restaurant Association (event underwriter); the new Embassy Suites Houston Downtown opening in February 2011; HILL, a marketing branding firm, and Jaguar North Central. Additional supporters include the Food and Beverage Managers Association, Casa Vinicola, Zonin USA, Acqua Panna, San Pellegrino, and Peroni.

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