



## **Galatoire's Holiday Auction December 1 to benefit WRBH and The Southern Food & Beverage Museum**

*Reserve your paddles now to bid on Galatoire's tables for the Friday before Christmas*

On Monday, December 1, 2008, Galatoire's restaurant continues its latest tradition of auctioning off tables for the popular Friday lunch before Christmas. Proceeds from the auction will be given to local charities **WRBH 88.3 FM, Radio for the Blind and Print Handicapped** and **The Southern Food & Beverage Museum**. Since 2006, Galatoire's patrons have raised over a quarter of a million dollars for local charities by bidding on tables for the Friday before Christmas and Mardi Gras.

WRBH 88.3 FM, Radio for the Blind and Print Handicapped, is the only full-time reading service on the FM dial in the United States and will use proceeds from the auction to cover expenses incurred from Hurricane Katrina.

"Chef Brian Landry has been a popular guest on the WRBH Chef Show and we are thrilled to have Galatoire's select us as a beneficiary of their holiday auction," said WRBH Executive Director Natalia Gonzales.

Proceeds from the auction will also benefit The Southern Food & Beverage Museum (SOFAB) that opened this summer as the only museum dedicated to the discovery, understanding and celebration of the culture of food and drink in the South. The funds raised from the holiday auction will be used toward SOFAB's children programs, which include a free culinary camp for public school students and a food art project with McDonough 32 elementary school students that will become an exhibit in Spring 2009.

The night will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the historic French Quarter restaurant that will include hors d'oeuvres by Chef Brian Landry and champagne sponsored by Champagne Mandois. The auction, led by renowned auctioneer Ruthie Winston, will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Bidding will begin at \$100 per seat for dining on the first floor, with tables offered in seatings of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Purchased tables are non-transferable and the purchasing patron and his/her guests may occupy the table for as long as they wish, with seating beginning at 11:30 A.M. on December 19. The purchase price will guarantee only the table; all other costs (food, drink, and gratuity) will be additional. All donations will be fully tax deductible and patrons will be presented with documentation from each charity.

Pre-registration for the auction is required. To reserve a paddle, contact Christi Gaudet by calling 504-525-2021 or email [cgaudet@galatoires.com](mailto:cgaudet@galatoires.com).

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