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New Mexico chef wins the
Longo's® International Iron Chef Title

Part of World Routes Summer Festivals 2010 at Harbourfront Centre

TORONTO, ON (Aug. 16, 2010) – Harbourfront Centre, along with Longo's and the New Mexico Tourism Department are pleased to announce **Chef Kevin Zink** of Carlsbad, New Mexico the winner of the **2010 Longo's® International Iron Chef Competition**.

As part of the 13th Annual **Hot & Spicy Food Festival** presented by NOW Magazine, gourmet chefs from **Mexico** (Chef Angel Francisco Ortiz Guillen), **New Mexico** (Chef Kevin Zink of Stock Exchange), **Canada** (Chef Joshna Maharaj from Slow Food) and **Turks & Caicos** (Executive Chef Jorika Mhende from Bohio Resort) were matched against each other for Iron Chef supremacy.

The competition was fierce, but Chef Kevin Zink expertly demonstrated his culinary creativity and secured the top spot by preparing full-course meals with the provided secret ingredient (coffee). Zink has already won a number of prestigious awards including **Best of Show** at the **2000 Phoenix Culinary Classic**, the **Overall Grand Champion** at the **2000 Texas New Mexico Chile War Contemporary Competition**, and can now add the Longo's International Iron Chef Title to his list of culinary accomplishments.

The two-day event was hosted by dynamic TV personality and chef **Christian Pritchard** and judged by **Kevin Brauch** (host of the Food Network's *The Thirsty Traveler*), **Chef Suman Sandillya** (Executive Chef from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario) and writer and broadcaster **Rose Murray**.

The big idea behind all programming in this year's World Routes summer festivals is "globalocal", or global to local, a theme programmed into each festival to bring together rich artistic traditions from around the corner to around the globe!

For additional information and complete event listings, the public may visit harbourfrontcentre.com/worldroutes or call the Information Hotline at **416-973-4000**. Harbourfront Centre is located at 235 Queens Quay W. Toronto, ON.

ABOUT WORLD ROUTES SUMMER FESTIVALS

World Routes is Harbourfront Centre's annual summer series of FREE festivals running every weekend from Canada Day through Labour Day. World Routes explores ideas in contemporary culture, bringing together rich, artistic traditions from around the globe. For summer 2010, Harbourfront Centre explores the idea of "globalocal" (global to local and local to global) with a festival line-up promising to entertain, stimulate and provoke.

ABOUT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Harbourfront Centre is an innovative, non-profit cultural organization which provides internationally renowned programming in the arts, culture, education and recreation, all within a collection of distinctive venues on the 10-acre site it operates in the heart of Toronto's downtown waterfront.

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