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MOTOR SUPPLY CO. BISTRO CELEBRATES MILESTONE 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SERIES OF SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY 2010

COLUMBIA, SC—December 28, 2009—Downtown Columbia’s favorite neighborhood bistro, Motor Supply Co. Bistro, is celebrating a milestone birthday in January 2010—20 years in business—and is hosting a series of commemorative events to show appreciation of the local community that has supported the restaurant since opening in December 1989. For 20 years, Motor Supply, simply called “Motor” by the locals, has been serving some of the most inventive and original cuisine in town. Motor owner Eddie Wales handwrites the menu daily, which changes daily to reflect what’s in season and available locally. In January, Motor will host a series of three special events, including a cook-out daytime party and two special wine dinners.

The special month kicks off on Saturday, January 16 with a celebratory daytime block party event at the restaurant at 920 Gervais Street in downtown Columbia and the adjacent outdoor courtyard. The “**Motor Supply 20th Anniversary Pig Pickin’ Party,**” will take place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. and will feature live local music, beer on tap and a slow-cooked whole hog from South Carolina’s Wil-Moore Farms served with all the traditional pig pickin’ sides, prepared by Chef Tim Peters and staff. Cost for the event is \$10 per person, which includes a plate of food and a beverage. A cash bar will also be available inside the restaurant. Proceeds from the event will benefit **The Ray Tanner Foundation**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the betterment of economically and medically disadvantaged children and their families founded in 2005 by University of South Carolina Head Baseball Coach Ray Tanner and his wife Karen.

On Sunday, January 24, Chef Peters welcomes another local favorite chef, Alex Suaudom of Baan Sawan Thai restaurant in Columbia, for a special dinner, “**Motor Through the Eyes of Baan Sawan.**” Both chefs will collaborate to craft a six course, prix-fixe menu featuring the best dishes of Motor with a Thai influence. Each course will be paired with a wine chosen to highlight the flavors and ingredients in the dish. A special hors d’oeuvres and cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person, excluding tax and gratuity, and reservations are required. To make a reservation, call 803-256-6687.

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The 20th Anniversary celebration month wraps up on Sunday, January 31 with another special wine dinner at Motor. During this finale dinner, Chef Peters will partner with a local wine distributor for a six course, prix-fixe menu. The menu for the evening will take guests on a culinary journey inspired by the career of Chef Peters, from his training in France at the famed Le Cordon Bleu in Paris and time spent under Chef Marc Meneau at L'Espérance, an esteemed three-star Michelin property in lower Burgundy, to his time at the award-winning Grouse Mountain Grill in Beaver Creek, Colorado, and finally his years cooking with some of the best chefs in Charleston, SC. The dinner will feature seasonal produce, seafood and meat raised by local farmers and artisans, who Chef Peters is passionate about supporting. The evening starts at 6 p.m. with a special cocktail hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$100, excluding tax and gratuity. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 803-256-6687.

For more information about any of the Motor Supply 20th Anniversary events, contact 803.256.6687 or e-mail info@motorsupplycobistro.com. For more information about Motor Supply, visit www.motorsupplycobistro.com.

Motor Supply Co. Bistro

Motor Supply Co. Bistro, located in the heart of the Congaree Vista at 920 Gervais Street in Columbia, SC, has been serving inventive international cuisine since 1989. The restaurant is housed in a circa 1846 brick building listed on National Register of Historic Places that once served as the original “Motor Supply Co.,” one of several independently-owned warehouses supplying motor parts throughout Georgia and South Carolina from the 1930s—1960s. Executive Chef Tim Peters and his staff offer an eclectic blend of Contemporary American, French, Italian and Asian cuisine, utilizing fresh and seasonal ingredients procured from local farms and artisans. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner and the seasonal menu changes daily. Most everything on the Motor Supply menu is made in-house, including stocks, sauces, dressings, smoked meats, charcuterie and legendary desserts. For more information, contact 803.256.6687 or visit www.motorsupplycobistro.com.

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