Exquisite wines and tasty treats highlight the 23rd Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on March 16, 2018.

Fort Lauderdale, FL February 8, 2018 - The Museum of Discovery and Science will host its 23rd Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on Friday, March 16, 2018. The event is presented by Bank of America and all proceeds benefit the Museum.

This year’s co-chairs: Sal Ferradas of Bank of America, Elliott Flynn of Wells Fargo Advisors, Glen Grimes of Go-Tilt Construction and John Magee of Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits are expecting at least 1,500 guests. Event highlights include tastings from South Florida’s leading restaurants and a vast array of wines and spirits from around the world, courtesy of beverage sponsor Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits. There will also be an assortment of craft beers to taste, great items in the silent auction and a complimentary wine glass for every guest.

“At Bank of America, it is a priority and commitment to make philanthropic investments that fortify the economic health of our community. That includes partnering with events like the Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration that brings us together to support organizations like the Museum of Discovery & Science, a wonderful nonprofit that makes learning science fun and exciting regardless of age,” said co-chair Sal Ferradas of Bank of America.

Platinum guests will enjoy premium cuisine, exclusive access to Platinum Lounge and early access to the Grand Tasting. Doors open for the Platinum experience at 5:30 p.m. Grand Tasting admission begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Grand Tasting will feature over 40 of South Florida’s top restaurants and a sampling of over 100 wine, spirits, and craft beers. This will be followed by the ultra-chic After-Party Lounge where all guests can continue to enjoy additional culinary delights from the After-Party restaurant partners and dance under the stars. The After-Party will take place from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the MODS atrium.

One of the distinguishing features of the Wine, Spirits, and Culinary Celebration is the quality of the restaurants. This year’s list includes the following, with more to come: A Joy Wallace, Aprons Cooking School, Boatyard, Café ala Carte, Crepemaker, ETARU, Fare to Remember, Grateful Palate, Healthy Xpress, Kitchen 305, Krispy Kreme, Lobster Bar Sea Grille, Lona, Padrino’s Cuban Cuisine, Pizza Craft Pizzeria, S3, Seasons 52, Sette Bello Ristorante, Shooters Waterfront, Sky Thai Sushi, Sparkling Bitters, Spatch Peri-Peri Chicken, Ten Palms Restaurant at Gulfstream Park, The Apothecary 330, Timpano, YOLO.

Tickets are $300 for the Platinum experience (only 500 tickets available at this level) and $150 for the Grand Tasting. Parties of 12 receive a reduced rate of $2,750 for Platinum and parties of ten receive a reduced rate of $1,000 for Grand Tasting Host packages. For tickets please visit modsevents.org. For
sponsorship opportunities or additional information please contact Hillary Wallace at 954.713.0918 or hillary.wallace@mods.net.

Guests are encouraged to share in excitement of the event through social media by posting pictures of the event on Museum of Discovery and Science Facebook Page, Tweeting @IMAXSOFL, and utilizing Instagram to upload their event photos by tagging the Museum’s IG page: @m0ds with the hashtag: #MODSWine.

Major sponsors of the 23rd Annual Wine & Culinary Celebration are: Bank of America, Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits, Doubletime Digital, American Marketing & Management, Inc, BB&T, Centuric, City Furniture, JetBlue, Republic Services, and Wells Fargo.


**ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE**
The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including: JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Jet Blue and Wells Fargo.

The Museum is open seven days a week, 365 days a year; Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m. with extended IMAX® hours on most evenings. The Museum of Discovery and Science is at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit our web site at [www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

**2017 Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration Photos:**
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**Photo Captions (Credit: Downtown Photo):**
1792  Sal Ferradas (co-chair) + Penelope Blair and Greg Downs
1865  Paula McConville and John Magee (co-chair)
3421  Wayne Gilmore and Michele Meli
3285  Bank of America Team with Lilia Ciciolla
3367  Jon and Katy Ferrando, George LeMieux, and Rick Burgess
3265  Beatrice Miniaci, Phil Newman, Kim Cavendish
1884  George Weaver and Helen Payne
1873  Derick Ali and Juliet Roulhac
1911  Delicious Food Shot
1861  Gino’s Italian Market
2171  Sidney Frank
2295  Delicious Food Shot
2517  JetBlue

**Photo Caption (No Photo Credit Is Required):**
2100  Elliot Flynn (co-chair)
2101  Glen Grimes (co-chair)
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