



## **CHEERS TO 25 YEARS! DINE, DRINK AND DISCOVER IN A VENUE LIKE NO OTHER AT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE**

*Raise a Glass for the return of MODS' premier events with the 25th Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration taking place on Friday, March 11, 2022.*

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (March 8, 2022)** - The [Museum of Discovery and Science \(MODS\)](#) will host the 25th Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on Friday, March 11, 2022. The event, presented by Bank of America, will bring together industry leaders in South Florida's thriving food and spirits industry. All proceeds will benefit MODS's mission of connecting people to inspiring science.

Guests will enjoy an unforgettable night highlighted by delectable fare from South Florida's leading restaurants and a vast array of flavorful wines and spirits from around the world, as well as local craft beers. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on an array of unique and exciting offerings during the silent auction.

"Thanks to our long-standing partners at Bank of America and Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits, the Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration is always an incredible evening in South Florida, as we strive to create unique and unforgettable experiences for our guests every year," said **Joseph P. Cox, president and CEO of MODS**. "We are especially excited to come back together in-person to thank our community and partners for supporting this celebration after two years of the pandemic."

The event's legendary Grand Tasting will feature samplings from beloved local restaurants such as Lobster Bar Sea Grille, Oceanic and Yolo, libations from the event's exclusive sponsor Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits and an array of craft beers including fan favorites American Icon Brewery and Funky Buddha. The tasting will take place from 6:30– 9 p.m. and VIP access begins at 5:30 p.m.

"Bank of America salutes The Museum of Discovery & Science for its 25 years of making learning science fun and exciting regardless of age," said Lori Chevy, president, Bank of America Fort Lauderdale. "MODS truly outdoes itself each spring by bringing together the finest of Broward's food and wine scene to its guests, all for a great cause."

The Grand Tasting will feature more than 30 of South Florida's top restaurants and a sampling of more than 50 wines, spirits and craft beers. This year's restaurant partners include: Bahia Mar, Bang Energy,

Barbados Tourism Authority, Boatyard, Bo's Gastro Pub, CLASS Soiree Steakhouse, CrepeMaker, Culinary Republic, Fare to Remember, Funky Buddha, Gold Marquess, Healthy Xpress, John Knox Village, Lobster Bar Sea Grille, Morea Fort Lauderdale, Noodle Station, Nothing Bundt Cake, Nikki's Foods, Oceanic, Red Chair Catering, Sistrunk Marketplace and Food Hall, Susie's Scrumptious Sweets, Tasteful Thoughts, Ten Palms Restaurant at Gulfstream Park, Toro Latin Kitchen & Tequila Library, Wild Honey Supper Club, Wild Thyme, YOLO and Zona Fresca.

The beer, wine and spirits list include American Icon Brewery, C Mondavi, Caymus, Constellation Brands, Copper Cane, Eleven Vodka, Enovation Brands, Fifth Generation, Foley Family Wines, Funky Buddha, FXMUSA, Pali Wine, Palm Bay International, Prestige Wine Imports, PRUSA, Rock N Roll Tequila, Rodney Strong, Royal Wine Company, Shady Distillery, Shaw Ross, Ste Michelle, TAS, Tequila 512 and Tito's Handmade Vodka.

Tickets are \$300 for individual VIP Platinum tickets and \$150 for individual Grand Tasting tickets. Parties of 12 receive a reduced rate of \$2,750 for Platinum (12 people) and parties of 10 receive a reduced rate of \$1,000 for Grand Tasting Host package (10 people). For tickets, please visit [modsevents.org](http://modsevents.org). For sponsorship opportunities or additional information, please contact Hillary Wallace at 954.713.0918 or [hillary.wallace@mods.org](mailto:hillary.wallace@mods.org).

Cox shared, "We are extraordinarily fortunate to have community leaders and founding chairs of the celebration, Keith Koenig and Steven Halmos, onsite with us to make the event extra meaningful for this silver anniversary."

Major sponsors of the 25th Annual Wine & Culinary Celebration are Bank of America (Presenting Sponsor), Doubletime Digital (Exclusive Print Sponsor), Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits (Exclusive Beverage Sponsor), as well as Advanced Roofing, BankUnited, Benedetti Orthodontics, Berkowitz Pollak Brant Advisors + CPAs, BNY Mellon, Brown & Brown Insurance, Centuric Global Technologies, Citrix, City Furniture, Colliers International, CTS Engines, Debra Hixon, Elliot Flynn, Ellis Diversified, Gold Coast Beverage, Grant Thornton, Greenberg Traurig, Gunster, Hampton by Hilton, Hollie Gray, Jenn & Mike Ring, JM Family Enterprises, Joe Cox & Jeremy Collette, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, JM Lexus, John Knox Village, J.P. Morgan, Leo Goodwin Foundation, Lifestyle Media Group (Exclusive Media Partner), Lochrie & Chakas P.A., M. Austin & Christine Forman, MAD Studios, Maurice Davis, Merrill, Michael Kimmey, MOSS Construction, M&T Bank, Northern Trust, PNC Bank, Republic Services, RV Retailer, LLC, Sheltair, Stiles Corporation, Truist, Wells Fargo, Yacht Sales International and Yelp.

Guests are encouraged to share in the excitement of the evening through social media by posting pictures of the event on the Museum of Discovery and Science's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages, and tagging the Museum: @modsftl with the hashtag: #MODSWine.

For tickets, please visit [modsevents.org](http://modsevents.org).

You can download photos here (Courtesy of MODS):

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a4ovh6ural15jmq/AAD0IHtSnCSP0XrnITyBQEs-a?dl=0>

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#### **ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE (MODS):**

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. MODS connects people to inspiring science. The Museum encompasses more than 150,000 square feet of interactive exhibits. This includes all of our permanent and traveling exhibits, as well as our outdoor Science Park. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, wild Creature Feature animal encounters, private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps, unforgettable birthday parties, engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more. In addition to daily hours, MODS is currently offering virtual and offsite programming. MODS' STEMobile delivers STEM education on location across South Florida! A STEMobile experience ranges from one-hour to full-day with programming for pre-kindergarten through adult and is available for schools, community centers, corporate team building and special events! All programs can be customized for time, group size and age group. Book a STEMobile visit today. Free programs and scholarships are available!

The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit [mods.org](https://www.mods.org) or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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