



CHEERS TO 26 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 event with the 26th Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on Friday, March 3

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (February 9, 2023) - The [Museum of Discovery and Science \(MODS\)](#) will host the 26th Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits, and Culinary Celebration on Friday, March 3. Presented by Bank of America, the event will bring together industry leaders in South Florida's thriving food and spirits industry. All proceeds will benefit MODS' 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 to benefit the Museum's mission of connecting people to inspiring science.

"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.**

The event's legendary Grand Tasting will feature samplings from local restaurants such as Lobster Bar Sea Grille, Boatyard, YOLO, Fireman Derek's Bake Shop and Bo's Pub, libations from the event's exclusive sponsor Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits and an array of craft beers including fan favorites Funky Buddha. The tasting will take place from 6:30– 10 p.m. and VIP access begins at 5:30 p.m.

"For 26 years, we have celebrated alongside The Museum of Discovery & Science as part of a shared mission to inspire learning," said **Lori Chevy, president, Bank of America Fort Lauderdale.** "The funds raised during this event will provide underserved members of our Broward County community with an opportunity to experience MODS through educational programs, accommodations and discounts."

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 partners include: Lobster Bar Sea Grille, Boatyard, Another Fare to Remember, Bang Energy, Barbados Tourism Marketing, Bolay, Bo's Pub, CrepeMaker,

Fireman Derek's Bake Shop, Fresh Kitchen, Funky Buddha, Gold Marquess, John Knox Village, Nikki's Foods, Red Chair Catering, Sweet Aloha Ice Cream, Tasteful Thoughts and YOLO.

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 VIP Platinum and parties of 10 receive a reduced rate of \$1,000 for Grand Tasting Host package. For tickets, please visit modsevents.org. For sponsorship opportunities or additional information, please contact Hillary Wallace at 954.713.0918 or hillary.wallace@mods.org.

Major sponsors of the 26th Annual Wine & Culinary Celebration are Bank of America (Presenting Sponsor); Doubletime Digital (Exclusive Print Sponsor); Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits (Exclusive Beverage Sponsor); Lifestyle Media Group (Exclusive Media Partner); John Knox Village (Platinum Lounge Sponsor); City Furniture (Beer Garden Sponsor); JM Lexus (Grand Arrival Sponsor); Stiles Corporation (Bar Sponsor); Centuric (Wine Charm Sponsor); Truist (Entertainment Sponsor); JetBlue (After Party Sponsor), M. Austin & Christine Forman, Brown & Brown Insurance of Florida and R-Squared Charitable Fund (Valet Sponsors); BankUnited (Auction Sponsor); Wells Fargo (Registration Sponsor); Advanced Roofing, Berkowitz Pollack Brant, Citrix, CTS Engines, Greenberg Traurig, Greenspoon Marder, Gunster, JM Family Enterprises, Joe Cox & Jeremy Collette, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Kip Hunter, Northern Trust, RV Retailer, Samantha J. Fitzgerald, P.A. and WSVN Channel 7 (Platinum Sponsors); Andrew Migliorini, Christina Knabe, Grant Thornton, Hinden, McLean & Arbeiter, Lochrie & Chakas P.A., Marilyn Moskowitz, PNC Bank, Wells Fargo, Xfinity and YachtSalesInternational.com (Grand Tasting Hosts); and Gold Coast Beverage and Hampton by Hilton (Partners).

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.

You can download photos here (Courtesy of MODS):

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/8xsmenybvrarlu3ah10rf/h?dl=0&rlkey=uq2cnroqoildb0dgvnze5ici>

Video (courtesy of Seer Studios):

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7ubbgopnq8hc502/25th%20Annual%20Wine%20Spirits%20and%20Culinary%20Celebration.mp4?dl=0>

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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 or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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