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*A Revitalization of the Old Governor's Mansion, benefitting the Kentucky Equine Humane Center and KEMFI*

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## Food Network's Bobby Flay to create Kentucky-themed dessert

*Dessert will be featured at "Kentucky Mansion Celebration" Gala*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** — Bobby Flay, a premier chef on the Food Network, has signed on to create a Kentucky-themed dessert to be served at the Kentucky Mansion Celebration Preview Gala which will take place September 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Flay, a horse owner and avid horse-racing and thoroughbred fan, immediately volunteered to contribute to this event upon learning that partial proceeds from the gala will benefit his favorite of Kentucky's historic icons, the horse. The Kentucky Equine Humane Center (KyEHC) located in Nicholasville, Kentucky, will use a percentage of the funds toward their mission of finding homes for horses in precarious situations.

Flay is a critically acclaimed chef, restaurateur, award-winning cookbook author and television personality. Since his Food Network debut in 1996, Flay has continuously hosted programs that bring cooking tips and information on American regional fare to a national audience. His shows include BBQ with Bobby Flay, the Emmy-winning Boy Meets Grill, the beloved FoodNation with Bobby Flay and Throwdown with Bobby Flay. Although the dessert hasn't been created yet, Flay has hinted that it will represent and reflect the 'flavors' of Kentucky.

"I'm thrilled that Mr. Flay has agreed to create a 'Kentucky-themed' dessert for the gala," said Margaret Jewett, owner of L.V. Harkness & Company and co-vice president of the KyEHC Board of Directors. "This gala will celebrate the culmination of months of planning and hard work by designers and supporters of the Old Governor's Mansion revitalization. Bobby Flay appreciates how important history and horses are to Kentucky, so his involvement is a wonderful addition to this incredibly worthwhile project. We're all looking forward to seeing –and tasting– what he creates," she said.

The Preview Gala will be held in honor of the completed renovation of the Old Governor's Mansion. Gala guests will be among the first invited to tour the newly renovated mansion, and afterward, guests will be invited to dine under a dramatically-decorated tent on a Kentucky-Proud dinner orchestrated by Wayne Masterman, owner of Frankfort's Serafini and Lexington's Portofino and Summit restaurants. The gala will be the highlight of a week-long celebration of events including a First Ladies' Luncheon, Brunch in the Garden with renowned garden planner and rooftop garden designer Jon Carloftis and a Governors' Barbeque and Unbridled Spirits. The renovation and events will be done through private and in-kind donations. No public funds will be used in the renovation or the gala celebration.

For more information on events, beneficiaries of the project and mansion history, please visit [www.kymansioncelebration.org](http://www.kymansioncelebration.org).