

Jazz-Food Cooking Classes Offered by Chef Michael Cunningham, Patricia Dalton

Albany, N.Y., September 3, 2009 -- Acclaimed Chef Michael Cunningham and popular jazz singer Patricia Dalton will offer a series of New American Cuisine jazz-food fusion courses at Different Drummer's Kitchen Newton Plaza Cooking School in Latham, N.Y. this fall. The courses will be taught [September 14](#) and [November 16](#), 2009 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; tuition is \$85 per class.

Cunningham, chef at the award-winning Provence Restaurant, and Dalton, lead singer of The Patricia Dalton Trio, have created "Frim Fram Cuisine," which embodies the spirit of classic American jazz music and fine dining. The menu is based around the lead track from Dalton's debut CD, *Frim Fram Sauce*, which describes a restaurant diner ordering a list of nonsensical foods that the waiter cannot deliver.

On September 12th, Dalton will be interviewed on the Saturday Morning Edition Of Jazz with [Bill McCann](#), in advance of the cooking classes and several other events in September (see below for details). *The radio program airs from 8 a.m. to noon on WCDB 90.9 FM.*

Each course will offer instruction on a three-course Frim Fram meal as well as an inspired performance by The Patricia Dalton Trio. Course registration and information about the menu is available at <http://www.differentdrummerskitchen.com> or by calling 518-785-5600.

Cunningham and Dalton will also bring their jazz-food fusion to several other Albany-area events in September:

- The evening of September 18th, The Patricia Dalton Trio will perform at [Provence Restaurant](#), featuring special guest artist and acclaimed musician John Esposito. Provence is located in Stuyvesant Plaza, off of Western Ave. in Albany; call 518-689-7777 for reservations or visit <http://www.milanonorth.com/provence/index.php> for more information
- On September 23, Dalton and Cunningham will share their jazz-inspired Frim Fram cuisine at the annual benefit for the Capital District Community Gardens, [An Autumn Evening in the Garden](#). Visit <http://www.cdcg.org/Tosca.html> or call 518-274-8685 for information.
- And on September 27, Dalton and Cunningham will wrap up the month by participating in the [8th Annual Harvest Supper](#) benefitting Unity House. Visit <http://www.unityhouseny.org/> or call 518-274-2607 for information.

About The Music

Dalton released her debut CD, *Frim Fram Sauce*, in June. The CD features a host of American classic standards, including the title song "Frim Fram Sauce," popularized by many notables including Nat "King" Cole, in which the singer orders a list of nonsensical foods that the waiter cannot deliver.

Provence Chef Michael Cunningham and Dalton have collaborated bring this fictional cuisine to life with an exciting jazz-food fusion of new American Classic Cuisine, and are delighted to share their Frim Fram menu by participating in local events and including the recipes in the CD's liner notes and on Dalton's Web site

<http://www.patriciadaltonjazz.com/>.

In addition to *Frim Fram Sauce*, other American popular songbook standards on the CD are: *I Have Dreamed*, *You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To*, *I've Grown Accustomed To Your Face*, *I'm In The Mood For Love*, *Embraceable You*, *That's All*, *Summertime*, and *As Time Goes By*.

In her performance, Dalton blends respect for these beloved American classics with her own interpretation of the songs. She has been hailed as "an exciting vocalist who brings warmth and silken sensuality to her performance."

The Patricia Dalton Trio includes Peg Delaney on piano, Bill Delaney on bass, and Steve Raleigh on guitar.

Provence Restaurant is an award-winning French bistro where the Patricia Dalton trio performs regularly. The restaurant has received *Sante* magazine's Wine and Hospitality Award for the mid-Atlantic region, *Metroland's* 2009 Best French/Continental restaurant award, and *Wine Spectator's* Award of Excellence annually since its inception. Chef Michael Cunningham offers a dining experience par excellence with classic and contemporary southern French and Mediterranean cuisine such as bouillabaisse, duck and steak frites. Provence is located in Stuyvesant Plaza, off of Western Ave. in Albany, New York. For reservations or information, call 518-689-7777. The restaurant's menu, directions and more information is available on the restaurant's Web site, <http://www.provence-restaurant.net>.

For more information about Patricia Dalton and *Frim Fram Sauce*, including upcoming performances and CD purchasing information, artist biographies and high-resolution photos, visit her Web site at <http://www.PatriciaDaltonJazz.com> or contact her at PD@PatriciaDaltonJazz.com

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