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SUPERSTAR CHEF LIDIA BASTIANICH AND COMPOSER DANIEL BREWBAKER TEAM UP TO CELEBRATE COPLAND HOUSE



Composer Brewbaker and Chef Bastianich

Cortlandt Manor, NY —On Sunday, October 12 at 5:00 PM in one of America's magisterial restaurants, the senses will come alive as guests see, hear, smell, taste, and touch a festive and singular collaboration. Superstar Chef **Lidia Bastianich** and 2006 Copland House resident composer **Daniel Brewbaker** team up for *The Awakened Palate*, a remarkable culinary and musical gala in celebration of **Copland House**, the unique creative center for American music based at legendary composer Aaron Copland National Historic Landmark home in New York's Lower Hudson Valley.

Guests will arrive through the palatial entrance to a room soaked in elegance and splendor, where they'll spend the evening embracing the seasons, tastes, and sounds of Italy. Each of Chef Bastianich's courses crafted especially for this magical evening will be introduced by a section of Brewbaker's newly-commissioned composition.

Just as Bastianich, "the first lady of Italian cuisine" (*New York* magazine) has written that her palate was awakened as a young girl in her native Italy, many of Brewbaker's musical experiences were shaped in Italian cultural centers large and small. From winter in Emilia Romagna and spring in Friuli to summer in Sicily and autumn in Piemonte, this will be an unforgettable journey of all the senses!

Featuring the internationally-acclaimed Music from Copland House ensemble premiering Brewbaker's new work, and including a silent auction, this gala evening salutes Guests of Honor Carol and Robert Morris, whose loyal commitment, generosity, inspiration have had a transformative impact on Copland House.

The Awakened Palate promises to be as magical as Copland House's previous sold-out galas, including those with Daniel Bouldou at Daniel, Eric Ripert at Le Bernardin, and Marcus Samuelsson at Red Rooster Harlem, among many others. Called "perfect" by *The New York Observer*, and hailed as "a triumphant collaboration" by *Food and Wine*. "Always one of our favorite evenings of the year," raved *Westchester* magazine, "this annual Copland House event can be counted upon to uphold the world of original, adventurous music and food, even if other worlds seem to be crumbling around us... unforgettable, heady, and divine."

Del Posto is located at 85 Tenth Avenue (near West 16th Street), New York City. Cocktails begin at 5:00 PM. Individual Tickets are \$500 (\$375 tax deductible), and sponsorships begin at \$625 (\$500 tax deductible). For information, call (914) 788-4659(914) 788-4659, e-mail office@coplandhouse.org, or visit Copland House at <http://www.coplandhouse.org/support-us/gala/>.