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MILLENNIUM ALASKAN HOTEL ANCHORAGE, OFFICIAL HOST HOTEL FOR THE IDITAROD, ANNOUNCES FIVE-COURSE DINNER MENU AND CASH PRIZE FOR FIRST MUSHER TO THE YUKON

ANCHORAGE (February 27, 2015) – With the iconic Iditarod kicking off next week, <u>Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage</u>, a 27-year sponsor of the race, announces an extraordinary five-course meal and cash prize for the award winner of the first Musher to the Yukon. This honor is designated for the first musher that crosses the Yukon Territory and this year the celebratory dinner will be held in Galena, Alaska. Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage will present the lucky winner with a cash prize of \$3,500 as well as a scrumptious feast prepared by the hotel's culinary team.

"This legendary event offers our chef and his team the opportunity to demonstrate their passion for innovative, local cuisine," said Carol Fraser, general manager of Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage. "The freshest Alaskan seafood is used to create a meal worthy of the first musher that crosses these borders. And to make the entire evening a uniquely Alaskan event, Executive Chef Bobby Sidro and his team prepares the meal on camp stoves."

The special wine-paired dinner menu includes:

- Alaskan Halibut and Coconut Cream Soup with Crusty Parmesan Crostinis
- Southeast Alaskan Jumbo Spot Shrimp wrapped in Prosciutto
- Cajun Kodiak Scallops and Caesar Salad with Salmon Caviar
- Bering Sea Red King Crab-stuffed Tenderloin
- Bananas Foster Flambé
- The \$3,500 After Dinner Mint will be presented on an Alaskan Gold Pan, accompanied by a bottle of Dom Perignon

Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage is the official host hotel of the Iditarod. The Iditarod's ceremonial start will be held March 7th in downtown Anchorage, with the official start following on March 9th in Fairbanks.

The property is currently undergoing an \$8.3 million renovation, encompassing a total overhaul of all 248 guest rooms along with the exterior. This lakeside hotel – the only one in Anchorage – will unveil its upgrades by the spring, marking the completion of Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage's phased renovations.

For more information on the Iditarod, visit <u>http://iditarod.com/</u>.

For more information on Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage, visit <u>http://www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumanchorage/</u>.

About Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage:

Located on the scenic shores of Lake Spenard, the base for the famous Iditarod Dog Trail Sled Race, Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage is ideally situated for exploring Alaska. Just a mile from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and a ten-minute drive from downtown Anchorage, there is no shortage of activity including fishing, hunting and hiking nearby. Nestled against a breathtaking mountain backdrop, this charming hotel features contemporary comforts with an authentic mountain lodge feel throughout its 248 guest rooms and suites. Stunning sunsets and natural Alaskan beauty are perfectly viewed from the tables at Flying Machine Restaurant and Fancy Moose Lounge. Millennium Alaskan Hotel also offers 6,000 square feet of versatile meeting and event spaces. http://www.millenniumhotels.com/usa/millenniumanchorage/

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