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AWARD-WINNING CAKES, CAKE-WINNING GUESTS...

Take the Cake Proved to be a Significant and Scrumptious Birthday Celebration for Grant Park

ATLANTA – To celebrate Grant Park’s 126th birthday, a party of delicious proportions was thrown on none other than the perfect day for it: 1.26. On this Monday evening, LIT Kitchen hosted **Take the Cake: 126th Birthday for Grant Park** where the cakes were the guests of honor. Fifteen of Atlanta’s best bakeries, pastry chefs, restaurants, and even dog bakeries created cakes in honor of our oldest city park’s anniversary and the guests got to bid on them...and take them home that night! Every cake was taken home by one lucky winner, with all the proceeds being donated to the Grant Park Conservancy. In addition to tasting samples of every cake in the room, guests, which included Councilwoman Mary Norwood, Kate Atwood of Kate’s Club and Dale DeSena of Taste of Atlanta, got the chance to enjoy eats by Tin Lizzy’s new location in Grant Park, complimentary Whynatte beverages (a perfect match with the cake) and raffle prizes from Grant Park businesses throughout the evening.

To sweeten the evening even more, the cakes were judged by three discerning Atlantans: **Tony Brewer** of Tony Brewer & Company Special Event Planning and Design, **Jessica Dauler** of Q100’s Jessica Shops and JessicaShopsAtlanta.com, and **Bryan “Beau” Grant**, board member of the Grant Park Conservancy. The Best Overall Cake award was given to (drumroll please.....) **Joshua John** of Joshua John’s Exquisite Cakes and Sugar Art (www.joshujohncakes.com) and pastry chef for Dantanna’s. Joshua’s black & white Italian cream cake also received the highest bid of the evening and even caused a slightly heated bidding war. Coincidence? We think not.

The Best Visual Cake award was given to **Sweet N’ Sinful** (www.sweetnsinful.com) – a chocolate on chocolate 5-tier cake created by Layne Lee that featured all the historical landmarks of Grant Park. Guests were in awe of her 360-degree representation of Oakland Cemetery, Zoo Atlanta, the original Grant Park entrance gate and much, much more. **The Laughing Elephant Southern Bakery** (www.thelaughingelephantbakery.com) won the award for Best Tasting Cake with its chocolate density cake featuring an outdoor theme, complete with full-size mallards on top on the decadent frosting. This brand-new bakery in Cumming started by “rebel baker” Kathleen Stockham is sure to become a destination for Atlantans to travel to for its Southern-style treats (just don’t expect any low-fat options).

“Take the Cake was a perfect way to celebrate Grant Park’s birthday,” said Tony Brewer. I have lived in Grant Park for over 20 years and was truly impressed at the way the community came out to support one of the city’s most historical landmarks. The cakes were fabulous works of arts, and the bakeries depicted Grant Park in some of the most unique and talented ways. Not to mention, they were delicious. I would know; I had to taste all of them.”

About Grant Park

Today, Grant Park is the oldest surviving city park in Atlanta. A gift to the city of Atlanta in 1883, Grant Park now welcomes over two million visitors each year and encompasses 131.5 acres. Although many come to the park to view the painting at the Atlanta Cyclorama or enjoy the exotic animals at the zoo, the park offers a wide range of amenities including picnic facilities, historical structures, athletic fields, children’s play areas, botanical diversity, natural areas, quiet walks and more. For more information, visit www.gpconservancy.org.

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