

131 MAIN

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***Charlotte* magazine readers name 131 Main as the city's 'Best of the Best' in food and drink**

(Cornelius, NC) – Consumers in the Charlotte area know a great restaurant when they experience one, and their choice for 2009 is 131 Main. *Charlotte* magazine annually polls its readers on a variety of consumer choices for their 'Best of the Best' awards, and 131 Main was their choice for best overall restaurant for food and drink in Charlotte.

"I'm proud of our team members and thankful for our loyal patrons," explained Chris Carlsen, a partner of the Captiva Restaurant Group who owns and operates the restaurants located in the Blakeney and Dilworth communities of Charlotte and at Lake Norman in Cornelius. "Our passion for delivering incredibly fresh, great tasting food with legendary service in a warm, clean environment is important to those in the Charlotte area. The 'Best of the Best' distinction by those who have dined at our restaurants is proof that our passion for food and service is truly appreciated."

The restaurant is a leader in the incorporation of fresh, regionally grown ingredients into their menus and in bringing new discoveries of extraordinary wines to their Charlotte-area patrons.

"We like to recognize those people and businesses who help make Charlotte such a great place to live and visit, and it is always fun to bring together our readers and supporters with the winners," said *Charlotte* magazine editor Richard Thurmond. 131 Main was

selected by the editors of the magazine in 2008 for “Best Appetizer” in the ‘Best of the Burbs – North’ region of the Charlotte market.

131 Main will expand this year with the opening of its fourth restaurant in Asheville at the new Biltmore Park. As the first 131 Main to open outside the Charlotte area, Joe Douglas, CEO of Captiva Restaurant Group, says, “We believe that the people of the Asheville market will embrace our passion for great food and exceptional service. For those who live in the Charlotte area and who regularly vacation in Asheville, 131 Main will be a familiar name that they can count on.”

Biltmore Park is a new live, work and play community at Exit 37 off Interstate 26 in Asheville that is becoming a destination for dining and entertainment in the mountain setting of Western North Carolina. The Asheville location is expected to open by mid-June of this year. For more information on the restaurant, visit www.131-Main.com