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WTCI-PBS ANNOUNCES 2019 MASTERPIECE EXPERIENCE WINE DINNER AT
EASY BISTRO & BAR MARCH 11

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – January 28, 2019 – WTCI, the Tennessee Valley’s PBS station, invites members and supporters to share in an unforgettable ***Masterpiece Experience*** wine dinner at the Easy Bistro & Bar on Monday, March 11. Guests will enjoy a four course meal, exclusive to the event, specially prepared by James Beard-nominated Chef Erik Niel. Seating is limited for this special event and tickets can be purchased online at wtciTV.org/wine.

Tickets are \$175 each for this elegant dining experience and special wines will complement each course. Individual, President’s Table and corporate seating is available and most table configurations can be accommodated. This annual fundraising event is sponsored by Barnett & Company and First Tennessee and proceeds from the evening support the programs and outreach that support lifetime learning in the Tennessee Valley.

Foodies will revel in the menu created by renowned chef Erik Niel. Seafood has always been a main focus for the restaurant and draws on Niel’s Louisiana roots and love for quality catch. Erik is a two-time James Beard Award semifinalist for Best Chef and was noted “Chef of the Year” by the Tennessee Tourism & Hospitality Association in 2016.

Located in what was formerly the world’s first Coca Cola bottling plant, Easy Bistro & Bar is one of the most well regarded restaurants in Chattanooga, has a nationally recognized wine and craft cocktail program and is one of the only raw bars in Tennessee that features seafood from all three coasts. The Niels launched the Scenic City Supper Club as a guest chef series to showcase Chattanooga’s emerging restaurant scene and dedicated community of chefs. Erik has been featured in local and national print and film outlets, including *Southern Living*, the PBS program, *Simply Ming* and the WTCI series *Greater Chattanooga*.

A silent auction will feature special Chattanooga and PBS-centric opportunities and experiences, with proceeds supporting programming and outreach throughout the Tennessee Valley. Paul Grove, President and CEO of WTCI, says “The ***Masterpiece Experience*** wine dinner is a wonderful annual opportunity for everyone to enjoy the spirit of Masterpiece productions complemented by the extraordinary culinary experience crafted by Erik Niel and the Easy Bistro team.” Please visit wtciTV.org/wine or contact

Phil Trammell at 423.702.7808 for information and reservations for this exciting fundraising event.

WTCL, the Tennessee Valley's community PBS station, reaches a 35-county region and serves over 400,000 households with programming, events and educational outreach that educate, engage and inspire a lifetime of learning and exploration. For scheduling, programming and membership information, visit the station online at wtciTV.org.