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PRESS RELEASE

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Wind Creek Casino Welcomes Fabio Viviani of Top Chef Season Five

Atmore, AL (November 18, 2009) – Wind Creek Casino welcomes, Fabio Viviani, Top Chef's Season Five Italian fan favorite to the world class kitchens of the Cooking Studio at Wind Creek Casino. Enjoy holiday cooking demonstrations and get an autographed copy of Fabio's new book, "Cafe Firenze Cookbook: Food and Drink Recipes From the Tuscan Sons."

Fabio Viviani, Owner of Firenze Osteria and Top Chef Season 5 Fan Favorite, was the stand-out chef on this past season's Top Chef, Season 5, which was just nominated three times for the 2009 Emmys.

Fabio's new cookbook, Café Firenze Cookbook, Mangia e Bevi, co-authored with business partner and best friend since the age of twelve, Jacopo Falleni, is scheduled for release on last summer with a Hollywood style launch at his restaurant, Café Firenze in Moorpark, California.

Fabio began his culinary career at the early age of twelve. Always asking for a chance to cook, he was given the opportunity two years later at fourteen when one busy night the chef cut himself badly and Fabio had the chance to prove himself. He has never looked back.

Fabio attended Italy's Instituto Professionale per I Servizi Alberghieri in Florence, focusing on advanced Tuscan and regional cooking as well as a wide variety of specialization courses. He spent months, sometimes working for free, at regional restaurants and abroad to learn the secrets of master chefs. Currently, Fabio is specializing in Molecular Cuisine, using cutting-edge technology to perfect his art. He describes his style of cooking as "Northern Italian Comfort-styled foods".

Bringing his talent back to his hometown of Florence, Fabio co-owned and managed several high-volume Florentine restaurants. There Fabio won awards for his dry aged steaks at the Sagra Della Bistecca Awards in Cortona and his cheese and wine selections at the 2004 Enofood Awards.

Fabio has organized food events for fashion shows by Roberto Cavalli, Alessandrini, Gucci, and others and acts as a consultant to several Florentine restaurants in the promotion of Tuscan fusion cuisine. Fabio has been personal chef for a number of Italian celebrities.

As owner and Executive Chef of Firenze Osteria in North Hollywood, California, Chef Viviani brings his Tuscan dishes and Florentine flair to Southern California. His new book is out this month with another 'My Son is On Google, Recipes and Memories from an Italian Mom' is due out spring, 2010.

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Come see Fabio Viviani as he whips up Fabio-fantastic food at Wind Creek Casino December 4th and 5th showcasing some of his favorite holiday recipes. Fabio will be on hand at Wind Creek Casino's Cooking Studio to answer culinary questions and autograph his new book "Cafe Firenze Cookbook: Food and Drink Recipes From the Tuscan Sons."

Fabio Viviani Holiday Cooking Demonstrations

Friday, December 4, 2009
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cooking Demonstration,
Cooking Studio at Wind Creek

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Book Signing

Saturday, December 5, 2009
Noon -1:00 PM Book Signing

5:30 PM- 7:00 PM Cooking Demonstration,
Cooking Studio at Wind Creek

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Cooking Demonstration,
Cooking Studio at Wind Creek

For more information please contact Wind Creek Casino & Hotel at www.windcreekcasino.com or call 1-866 WIND 360. Guests must be over 21 years old to attend.

About Wind Creek Casino & Hotel

Wind Creek Casino & Hotel is a massive 240,000 square foot facility, with 57,000 square feet of gaming floor and over 1,600 electronic gaming machines. The 160,000 square foot, 17-story, 236-room luxury hotel offers the finest in resort amenities, with spacious rooms and 24-hour-a-day room service.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. The Tribe owns gaming properties in Alabama including Wind Creek Casino & Hotel in Atmore, AL, Creek Casino Montgomery in Montgomery, AL and Creek Casino Wetumpka in Wetumpka, AL as well as multiple racetracks in Alabama and Florida.

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