

To: Divas Who Dish Participants  
From: Barb Sasseen, Maggie Morrissey – Co-Chairs  
Re: “Divas Who Dish” Event – April 6, 2024

Thank you for supporting the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra by participating as a ‘Celebrity Chef’ for the Annual “Divas Who Dish” Event at Bridge View Center! **Here are some basics for the event:**

- There is no cost to you other than purchasing ingredients for your recipe. **Feel free to recruit a sponsor (or sponsors) should you wish assistance with your expenses. Some chefs have sought sponsorships from local grocers, some are sponsored by their employers, some by their book clubs or civic organizations, their church family, a board that they serve. Lots of possibilities!**
- The event will be open to the public from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Saturday, April 6, 2024 **(judging begins at 5:30 p.m.)**
- Each chef is asked to prepare 300 sample-size servings of their favorite recipe in one of the following categories: a. Pre-Dining (soup/appetizer/salad/side-dish), b. Entree, or c. Dessert. A serving is 1-2 forkfuls or bites. We will provide your choice of 4 oz sample cups 5 oz bowls or 6” plates should you wish. **Some Chefs choose to provide their own dishes for serving, which is fine, and most present their judge’s samples(3) on an upgraded place setting to enhance their presentation.**
- We ask you to prepare as much food as possible off-site **(open flames are not allowed inside BVC).**
- Each cook will be allowed up to one assistant (guy or gal). This assistant will be your guest. Judging standards consist of taste, originality and presentation.
- Outstanding “Chefs” in each food category will be selected by professional judges. In addition, a “People’s Choice” will be selected by a vote of all those attending. **Bring your friends and family!**
- Ticket prices: Advance tickets for adults, \$25.00. Tickets at the door are \$30.00. We appreciate your willingness to try to sell 10 adult advance tickets to the event. A committee member will pick up your ticket money and unsold tickets on the day of the event.

We provide:

One 6-foot serving table & back prep table  
Ice (should you wish)

Cups, bowls, plates, plastic fork, spoon, knife

Salt & pepper, napkins, paper towels

Gloves for preparing and serving food

Electricity (should you wish)

Trash cans

An IRS letter recognizing your contribution

You provide:

Table-top appliances (roaster, crock pot, etc.)

**Great food**

**Decorations and fanfare at your table appreciated**

Utensils for serving/carving

**Enthusiasm and a great crowd of your supporters  
and fans at the event**

Heavy duty extension cords if you require electricity

Copies of your recipe for the public (should you wish)

Doors to our event location (just off the lobby) will open for setup at 2:00 p.m. **Judges have asked that they begin judging at 5:30 p.m. (before the doors open to the public).**

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE OTTUMWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA! ALL PROFITS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO FUND THE PRESENTATION OF CONCERTS AND YOUTH CONCERTS FOR THE SYMPHONY.

To sign up or ask any **questions – please contact us by return e-mail ([bake4692@gmail.com](mailto:bake4692@gmail.com)) or call Barb at 641-777-5604.**