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ONLY AT THE ROYAL EPICUREAN JOURNEYS PRESENTS *FANTA-SEA* AT THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT

HAWAII, HONOLULU, WAIKIKI – The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort, one of the world’s most iconic locales, is set to take gourmands on a new journey - an epicurean one. Next month, Executive Chef Colin Hazama will channel his passion for creating culinary masterpieces that use the freshest locally-sourced ingredients with the launch of ***Fanta-Sea*** – a series of six inspiring gastronomic experience as a part of The Royal Hawaiian’s *Only at the Royal Epicurean Journeys*.

Chef Hazama will be partnering with local farm Mari’s Gardens to bring a true taste of Hawaii to those who embark on this culinary adventure. The two-part epicurean journey begins with a cocktail reception and dinner at Azure Restaurant on Friday, February 26, and is followed the next morning with an exclusive tour of Mari’s Gardens by owner Fred Lau on Saturday, February 27.

Fanta-Sea is a continuation and elevation of Chef Hazama’s chef’s table dinner and farm tour series created in 2014 at Sheraton Waikiki as a way to showcase island farmers and how Starwood Waikiki’s chefs work collaboratively with local farmers. Each dish on the Fanta-Sea menu demonstrates Chef Hazama’s supreme creativity and passion for using locally-sourced products and turning it into a world-class dining experience.

The Friday night dinner at Azure Restaurant will consist of the following menu:

Pre-Dinner Small bite

“Champagne Glazed Oyster”

Smoked Sturia caviar, Mari’s candied Tokyo negi and tomato chili kanten

“Vodka Cured Spiced Tilapia”

Braised cucumber and preserved Meyer lemon gel, plus cucumber yogurt poppyseed with Mari’s compressed cucumber cilantro salsa verde
(Paired with Stags’ Leap Winery Viognier 2013)

“Taste of Mari’s Baby Carrots”

Shaved Sous Vide, charred jus, Mari’s spring greens and carrot top pistachio chimichurri
(Paired with Stags’ Leap Winery Chardonnay 2013)

“Fish Out of Water”

Ulu-crusted Mari’s tilapia and big-eye ahi (two fish in one), three-caviar relish, Mari’s roma tomato butter hearts of palm and ulu fondue, and Mari’s Gardens ginger watercress coulis
(Paired with Stags’ Leap Winery Merlot 2013)

“Slow Cooked Mari’s Garden Swai”

Kona cold lobster, “country style” Swiss chard, applewood bacon and pickled Swiss chard relish and yuzu brown butter
(Paired with Stags’ Leap Winery The Leap Cabernet Sauvignon 2013)

“Beets and Berries”

Naked Cow dairy fromage blanc cheesecake and Nalo Farms lemon verbena with Mari’s Garden cilantro syrup; balsamic Kula strawberry Mari’s Beet Compote and candied Mari’s Garden beet chips
(Paired with Stags’ Leap Winery Petite Syrah 2012)

“As a spear fisherman myself, it’s been a dream of mine to combine both passions – fishing and cooking – into a culinary series that helps expand how we view and consume locally sourced products,” said Chef Hazama.

Prices for February’s Fanta-Sea event are as follows: \$130 for dinner (no wine); \$160 for dinner (with wine pairings); \$220 for the dinner and farm tour without wine; and \$250 for the dinner with wine pairings, as well as the farm tour. Prices include tax and gratuity.

For reservations or inquiries, interested patrons may call the Starwood Waikiki Dining Desk at 808-921-4600.

Chef Hazama's Fanta-Sea dinners are scheduled throughout 2016 on the following dates: April 22 and 23; June 24 and 25; August 26 and 27; October 28 and 29; and December 16 and 17 (dates and prices subject to change).

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Opened in 1927 and affectionately called the "Pink Palace of the Pacific," The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort is a haven of luxury. Modern yet indigenous, the resort offers unprecedented amenities, unrivaled accommodations and exclusive services – all designed to provide the ultimate global trendsetter with a unique luxury experience. From first class accommodations to world-class dining the 528-room resort is guaranteed to charm. Award-winning Azure Restaurant and Mai Tai Bar, Waikiki's only beachfront luau Aha Aina, a Royal Hawaiian Luau, and private beach area decorated with pink-hued umbrellas to match the resort's signature color. In April 2015, the "Pink Palace of the Pacific" welcomes the newly transformed Mailani Tower, embodying the allure of Hawaii's spirit and the essence of indulgent escape.

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