

FOURTH ANNUAL TIBETAN BENEFIT GALA

Le Bernardin RESTAURANT, NYC
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009

*In support of Tibetan Aid Project's
efforts to preserve Tibetan culture*

Manhattan Chef Eric Ripert will host *Taste & Tribute New York*, the fourth annual benefit dinner for the Tibetan Aid Project, on June 29, 2009 at his acclaimed restaurant, *Le Bernardin*. Guests will enjoy a multi-course dinner with wine pairings courtesy of Alfredo Ayala of *Delirio*, Gavin Kayson of *Café Boulud*, Michael Laiskonis of *Le Bernardin*, Laurent Manrique of *Aqua* and *Fifth Floor*, and Eric Ripert of *Le Bernardin*. Highlights include an intimate reception with a chance to meet the chefs, as well as a live auction featuring unique Tibetan art and luxury getaways. Funds raised at the event support the restoration of Tibetan-language texts to libraries in the Himalayan region. Tickets are \$500.

Chef Ripert's cuisine has been praised in magazines such as *Gourmet*, *Food Arts*, *The Wine Spectator*, *W*, and *Elle*. *The New York Times* gave his restaurant four stars, its highest rating, three months after it opened in 1986, and it has held this position ever since. The Michelin Guide has given *Le Bernardin* three stars, its top rating, since 1995.

Founded in 1969, the Tibetan Aid Project helps Tibetans rebuild, preserve, and strengthen their cultural and spiritual heritage for the benefit of all humanity. The ongoing text preservation project has led to the distribution of nearly two and a half million traditional Tibetan texts to Tibetan refugees throughout Asia—one of the largest free book distributions in history. These treasured texts are presented annually at the World Peace Ceremony in Bodh Gaya, India, where over ten thousand Tibetans gather each year to offer prayers for peace and the well-being of all humanity.

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New York *Taste & Tribute* 2008 Chefs
Alfredo Ayala, Eric Ripert, Yosuke
Suga, Michael Richard, &
Jennie Lorenzo



Chefs participate in the Ceremony of
Lights to honor the wisdom and
compassion of Tibet



Taste & Tribute 2008 Emcees
Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry



Chef Eric Ripert, Sandra Ripert,
Octavia Bourdain, and Anthony Bourdain
having a fantastic evening