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**ANDY RODDICK SERVES-UP CULINARY ACES
WITH AL ROKER & MARIO BATALI
FOR 7th ANNUAL 'DACOR TASTE OF TENNIS'
CHARITY EVENT AT W NEW YORK AUGUST 24TH**

*Defending US Open Champ Kim Clijsters & Reigning US Open Semifinalist Robby Ginepri
Join Star-Studded Lineup of Chefs to Benefit City Harvest*

NEW YORK, NY, JULY, 2006 – It's the ultimate appetizer for New York fans before the US Open begins. The world's top tennis players and chefs team-up to serve gourmet delights at the annual DACOR TASTE OF TENNIS. This year's lineup includes past US Open Champions Andy Roddick and Kim Clijsters, along with well-known chefs and food personalities including Al Roker and Mario Batali, both hosts of popular shows on the *Food Network*.

The event, produced by AYS and benefiting City Harvest, holds court Thursday, August 24th, 7-10 pm at the W New York Hotel, located on Lexington Avenue at 49th Street in Manhattan. Tickets are now available by calling 877-282-7100 or visiting tasteoftennis.com.

Guests will have the chance to mingle with their favorite tennis stars and chefs while sampling an eclectic mix of specially-designed dishes that earn rave reviews each year. This year's DACOR TASTE OF TENNIS lineup of expected players includes:

*Andy Roddick	*Jonas Bjorkman
*Kim Clijsters	*Nicolas Kiefer
*Robby Ginepri	*Amer Delic
*Taylor Dent	*Paul Goldstein
*Tommy Haas	*Max Mirnyi
*Mario Ancic	*Additional players to be announced

The lineup of acclaimed chefs scheduled to appear includes:

*Al Roker/ <i>Today Show & Food Network</i>	*Mario Batali/ <i>Babbo, Food Network</i>
*Alexandra Guarnaschelli/ <i>Butter</i>	*George McKirdy/ <i>Blue Fin</i>
*Damon Gordon/ <i>Ono</i>	*Michael Cressotti/ <i>Barbounia</i>
*Sam Choy/ <i>Sam Choy's Diamond Head</i>	*Martin Maginley/ <i>Grand Lido Negril</i>
*Scott Mickelson/ <i>Foxwoods "Paragon"</i>	*Timon Balloo/ <i>Sushi Samba</i>
*Andrew Carranza/ <i>Heartbeat (W NY)</i>	*Wilson Leal/ <i>Porcao</i>
*Jose Meireilles/ <i>Tintol</i>	*Brian O'Donohue/ <i>Barca 18</i>
*Ricardo Hernandez/ <i>Aspen</i>	*Serena Bass/ <i>Serena Bass Events</i>
*Wendy Israel/ <i>Baking by Design</i>	*Whole Foods Market/ <i>Shimme</i>

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DACOR TASTE OF TENNIS benefits City Harvest, the world's oldest food rescue organization. Each day, City Harvest collects excess food from restaurants, grocers, corporate cafeterias, manufacturers and farms. This food is delivered free of charge to community food programs throughout New York City using a fleet of 18 trucks and volunteers on foot. Each week, City Harvest helps more than 260,000 New Yorkers find their next meal.

"City Harvest is thrilled to again be a part of the DACOR TASTE OF TENNIS, which celebrates the fabulous chefs of New York City and an exhilarating international sporting event," said Jilly Stephens, Vice President of Program Services for City Harvest. "We are so grateful for the generosity of the event organizers, DACOR and all of the event sponsors."

AYS Sports Marketing is an event management company specializing in creating, managing and marketing unique sports and entertainment related events. AYS President and event founder Judi Lerner adds, "This event has grown each year and we've found the players and chefs really look forward to it. Andy, Al and Mario are already comparing notes on which recipe they'll cook."

This year's DACOR TASTE OF TENNIS features a number of marquee sponsors including DACOR as title sponsor and W New York, Foxwoods Resort Casino, Whole Foods Market and *Tennis Magazine* as official corporate sponsors.

DACOR has been a pioneer in the appliance industry, working to redefine the modern kitchen and producing an impressive array of industry firsts, since 1965. Maintaining its flair for innovation in every new product launched, the company continually strives to make life in the kitchen cutting edge and luxurious for the consumer. DACOR's recent entry into the large refrigeration category is a significant milestone in the company's history, as it made available for the first time a full line of kitchen appliances, all bearing the DACOR brand. DACOR, which is family owned and operated, is based in Diamond Bar, California, and maintains product showrooms across the country. For more information, visit www.dacor.com.

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