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Cantina Laredo Opens May 29 in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin®

Authentic Mexican Food Served in a Sophisticated Setting

Walton County, Fla, May 21, 2007 – Cantina Laredo, the first of five nationally recognized restaurants opening in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin®, will begin serving customers on May 29. The restaurant, which serves gourmet Mexican food in a sophisticated and lively atmosphere, is making its debut in the Northwest Florida market.

Dedicated to authentic Mexican food, the restaurant serves fresh fish, grilled meats, homemade sauces and delectable desserts. To begin each meal, diners are treated to two freshly made dipping sauces. The Salsa Laredo is roasted tomato-based and served at room temperature while the Salsa Felix is tomatilla-based and comes out warm. Chips are provided for dipping.

“We take pride in our Mexican culture and we project that pride into every aspect of the restaurant,” says general manager, Eduardo Garcia, who started out at the first Cantina Laredo in Dallas 17 years ago.

The interior of the restaurant gives a cosmopolitan yet comfortable feel to the dining experience. Blond wood adorns the walls, the floors are stone and tile and a large, arced copper-based bar provides a striking focal point for the main dining room.

Seating in Cantina Laredo is offered inside or outside on the large lovely patio. The outside tables have a panoramic view of beautiful Grand Park and the water feature. It’s also an ideal location for people watching.

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Lunch, dinner and Sunday Brunch are served at Cantina Laredo. For a festive beginning to your dining experience, you might order a signature Casa Rita, made with top shelf tequila and only fresh ingredients or sample any one of more than 70 varieties of tequilas, Mexican beer or wine.

Enjoy a wide variety of specialty Mexican dishes such as the Fiesta Grill, a mix of shrimp, costillas (beef short ribs), quail, carnitas (roasted pork), beef and chicken fajitas. Dishes, such as the daily fresh fish special, may be topped with one of the delicious homemade sauces offered, such as the roasted red bell pepper. Other house specialty sauces to compliment entrees include a chipotle-wine with Portobello mushrooms or a chimichurri sauce made of blended garlic, cilantro, lime and olive oil.

One of the highlights when dining at Cantina Laredo is the table-side preparation of guacamole. It is made fresh at the table in a Mexican bowl called a molcajete, using only the spices and herbs preferred by the customer. While preparing your guacamole, the wait staff is happy to share their knowledge of the fresh ingredients and recipe.

Finish off your meal with one of several mouth-watering desserts. Selections include the Apple-Filled Crepes topped with a cajeta sauce (milk caramel), Kahlua, Grand Marnier, roasted almonds and vanilla ice cream. For chocolate lovers there is the Mexican Brownie topped with pecans on a sizzling skillet with Mexican Brandy Butter and vanilla or cinnamon ice cream. For the traditional dinner finale, delicious homemade Flan is on the menu.

Sunday Brunch standouts include the Crab Cakes Benedict and the Spinach and Artichoke Omelet. Top off brunch with a complimentary Bloody Maria or Mimosa. Brunch runs from 11am to 3pm.

Garcia says they strive to make each customer feel as though they are a guest. "I want our guests to feel as though they are coming into our Mexican home. It is completely authentic and that is our distinction. We are not Tex-Mex," says Garcia.

Garcia says that because most of their food is made from scratch, they shop local markets to get the freshest ingredients possible. "Striving for the highest quality is the key to our success – from both a food and guest experience perspective. We strive to go way beyond our guests' expectations," he says.

Grand Boulevard is the new shop, work, play and stay town center located in Beaches of South Walton along the Emerald Coast in Northwest Florida. Based on the prominent mixed-use architectural model, Grand Boulevard offers a dynamic lifestyle experience with convenient access to a multitude of exclusive shopping and dining options, entertainment, professional services, corporate offices and lodging. For more information, please call (850) 837-1886.

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