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James Beard-Honored Chef Mark G. Henry Returns to Minneapolis to Lead Culinary Vision at Marquette Hotel

Minneapolis, Minnesota — The Marquette Hotel is proud to welcome Executive Chef Mark G. Henry, a nationally recognized culinary leader and James Beard-honored chef, as the new head of its culinary program. Chef Henry now oversees the hotel's signature dining venues: Windows at Marquette, Jolliet House Restaurant, Basil's Café, and the Marquette Lounge.

With more than 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Chef Henry brings a thoughtful, ingredient-driven approach to the Twin Cities. His return to Minneapolis marks a meaningful homecoming to a region known for its deep appreciation of seasonal flavors, community, and hospitality.

Chef Henry was invited to cook at the prestigious James Beard House in 2005 as part of the celebrated "Return of the Great North American Chefs" event. He has also earned accolades including DiRoNA (Distinguished Restaurants of North America) and Zagat awards and previously served as Senior Executive Chef for the Minnesota Vikings during their 2018 season.

"We're proud to welcome Chef Henry to our team," said Dennis Wilson, General Manager of the Marquette Hotel. "He brings a grounded, Midwestern sensibility to his cooking—he's not just about technique, but about creating food that feels familiar, comforting, and memorable. That's something our guests and our community really connect with."

Chef Henry's menus will highlight locally sourced ingredients and regional inspiration, with a focus on approachable yet elevated dishes that reflect the spirit of the Midwest.

"I've always felt a strong connection to Minneapolis," said Chef Mark G. Henry. "The food scene here is vibrant and welcoming, and I'm excited to be part of it again. My goal is

simple: to serve honest food that brings people together and celebrates the flavors of this region.”

Chef Henry’s leadership adds to the growing culinary momentum in Minneapolis, a city that continues to earn national recognition for its vibrant dining scene. His presence at the Marquette Hotel reinforces its commitment to offering guests and locals alike a memorable and meaningful dining experience.

Menus and restaurant hours are available at TheMarquetteHotel.com.