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CHEF MIKE ISABELLA TO OPEN G AT NATIONALS PARK THIS SPRING

D.C.'s Top Chef Takes the Plate To Feed Washington Nationals Fans

WASHINGTON, DC – March 12, 2014 –Top Chef All-Stars Runner-Up Mike Isabella is opening a G location at Nationals Park, home of the Washington Nationals, in Southeast Washington, D.C. this season. This second edition of Isabella's Italian-style sandwich shop will feature four of G's top-selling items, including the Chicken Parm, as well as a rotating special, 'Sandwich of the Homestand.' G will be located on the Main Concourse in right field near the First Base Gate, behind Section 136.

"People in this town are passionate about their food and passionate about their baseball. G at Nationals Park is a perfect fit," said Chef Mike Isabella. "We'll be serving our sandwiches made with the same top quality ingredients and freshly baked bread as our 14th Street location. I'm really excited to bring my best sandwiches to baseball fans. I think the G Chicken Parm is the perfect thing to enjoy while watching a game. "

"Offering high quality, authentic dishes from local eateries adds to the unique culinary atmosphere our fans have come to expect at Nationals Park. We couldn't be more excited to work with a renowned chef like Mike Isabella, whose focus on locally sourced ingredients and excellent hospitality is well-aligned with the Nationals and our partner Levy Restaurants," said Jonathan Stahl, Nationals Senior Director of Guest Experience and Hospitality Operations.

Isabella opened the original 14th Street location, G by Mike Isabella, a sandwich shop by day and tasting menu by night, in July 2013. G features classic Italian-American sandwiches along with pressed paninis, wood roasted sandwiches and specials created by prominent D.C. chefs. The menu at the newest addition to the G family will include Isabella's take on the Italian deli classics, the Chicken Parm and Italian Hero, as well as his meatless Roasted Cauliflower sandwich and The Drewno, The Source executive chef Scott Drewno's house made kielbasa Psandwich created especially for G. Lamb Chili and peanut brittle will round out the menu.

G at Nationals Park will open for the Nationals Exhibition Game against the Detroit Tigers on March 29, and remain open throughout the season.

About Chef Mike Isabella

Mike Isabella is the chef/owner of Graffiato, Kapnos and G in Washington, D.C. In spring 2014, he will open a second location of Graffiato in downtown Richmond, VA, and in fall, he plans to open Kapnos Taverna in Arlington, VA. Isabella is the author of *Mike Isabella's Crazy Good Italian*, and in 2012 he was named *FOOD & WINE* magazine's The People's Best New Chef Mid-Atlantic. Before opening Graffiato, Isabella was the executive chef of José Andrés' Zaytinya. Previously, Isabella worked under Marcus Samuelsson, Jose Garces and a host of other notable chefs and restaurateurs. Outside the kitchen, Isabella appeared on Season Six of *Top Chef*, and he was the runner-up on *Top Chef All-Stars*.

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