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2018 Forks & Corks is back!

STARKVILLE, MS -

It's that time of year again! 2018 Forks & Corks highlights culinary arts in the Golden Triangle. This year's event, funded in part by a grant from Visit Mississippi, is set for August 25, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at The Mill in Starkville, MS. Local chefs engage in a friendly competition for prizes and bragging rights, as attendees get to sample the best of the culinary arts that North Mississippi has to offer!

This year's Forks & Corks will include more emphasis on the "corks" aspect of this feast. Entertainment will be provided by 2018 CDAF Songwriter Competition winners as a selection of local ceramic artists are highlighted by a curated display of fantastic work.

"The culinary arts aren't often highlighted as an art form, and SAAC is excited to return with an expanded version of this fundraising event. Great food, fun entertainment, and a social, informal atmosphere makes this one of our most popular events," says Executive Director John W. Bateman. "Patty Roper returns in this year's cast of culinary judges, and we're looking forward to sharing our local cuisine with the rest of the region."

Tickets are available through Eventbrite and at www.starkvillearts.org.

About SAAC

Now commencing its third decade, the Starkville Area Arts Council sponsors the Cotton District Arts Festival, runs various outreach programs, and awards almost \$25,000 each year in grants and scholarships throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County in its mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through the arts. SAAC appreciates the support of the City of Starkville and the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, National Endowment for the Arts, Mississippi Arts Commission, Visit Mississippi, Del Rendon Foundation, 4-County Electric Foundation, and various local businesses and individuals. Additional information about SAAC can be found at www.starkvillearts.org.

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