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BRAVO! Cucina Italiana is voted top Italian chain by *Pittsburgh Magazine* readers

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WHO: BRAVO! Cucina Italiana

WHAT: BRAVO! named Pittsburgh favorite

WHEN: June issue, *Pittsburgh Magazine*

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BACKGROUND: BRAVO! Cucina Italiana locations in Pittsburgh are celebrating the title of "Best Italian Chain" as voted on by the readers of *Pittsburgh Magazine*. The magazine tabulated more than 20,000 votes in a readers' poll for its annual BEST RESTAURANTS June issue with BRAVO! coming in first in the Italian Chain category, followed by Olive Garden Italian Restaurants and Bucca di Beppo restaurants in second and third places respectively. *Pittsburgh Magazine* reports that despite dealing with a tough economy, Pittsburgh's dining scene is more vibrant than ever before. BRAVO! Cucina Italiana restaurants are located in Pittsburgh on McKnight Road, Summit Park Drive in Robinson, Route 19 in Cranberry Township, West Bridge Street at the Waterfront and on Washington Road at the Galleria.

A new BRAVO! menu will be unveiled in Pittsburgh on June 22, which features tempting Italian dishes perfect for summer such as the Mahi Mahi Rustica, a pan-seared favorite fish on a bed of roasted carrots, fennel and red onions, escarole and tomatoes in a delicate broth; Verduta Pizza with roasted asparagus, portobellos, tomatoes and red onions with Fontina and Boursin cheeses finished with fresh basil and the Rigatoni Melanzana made with roasted eggplant, fresh tomato sauce and Mozzarella topped with fresh basil and Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese.

About BRAVO!: BRAVO! Cucina Italiana is a casual, white-tablecloth restaurant offering classic Italian food amongst the shadows of Roman ruins. The subtitle "Cucina Italiana" means Italian kitchen, in which all cooking is done in full view of the guest, creating the energy of a live theater. BRAVO's popular entrees include grilled steaks, chops and made-to-order pastas and house specialties, similar to an authentic 'ristorante' in Italy. BRAVO! is part of Columbus-based BRAVOIBRIO Restaurant Group. Founded in 1992, BRAVOIBRIO Restaurant Group currently operates more than 80 restaurants including BRAVO! Cucina Italiana, BRIO Tuscan Grille and Bon Vie Bistro. Please visit the Web site, BravoItalian.com for a list of locations, or to follow the restaurant on twitter or facebook.

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