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**MÉLANGE BISTRO + WINE BAR SET TO INTRODUCE  
EURASIAN ECLECTIC CUISINE IN DOWNTOWN ANN ARBOR**

Opening Date Scheduled for August, 2006

**ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, JUNE, 2006** – Mélange, showcased on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor, is a warm, contemporary, subterranean bistro with elements of the belle époque, providing an intimate connection between cuisine and architecture that stimulates all the senses.

**MÉLANGE CUISINE**

Mélange will feature Eurasian Eclectic cuisine, which is punctuated with intense flavors from worldly ingredients that promise to heighten and invigorate the palette.

Executive Chef John Weiszer, a native of Michigan, trained in Italy, California, and Thailand will combine his culinary expertise and accomplishments to debut a new, innovative cuisine genre, Eurasian Eclectic to the Ann Arbor restaurant scene.

Weiszer is known for his forte and enthusiasm for cuisine, earning him recognition by the James Beard Foundation. Look for exciting offerings such as the Hot River Rock, Long Rib Rack of Lamb, and Scoozie – warm Italian flat bread stuffed with Gorgonzola.

“Mélange guests can expect a consistent meal of irresistible Eurasian Eclectic infused culinary dishes served as a portrait of fine cuisine,” stated Executive Chef John Weiszer. “Our superbly crafted menu ranges in price from \$6 to \$32 for appetizers, entrées, and desserts.”

Mélange’s climate-controlled wine cellar boasts 1,500 bottles from New Zealand, South Africa, Michigan, California, Oregon, Australia, and more, and offers 20 wine selections by the glass.

**MÉLANGE DESIGN**

“Our mission at Mélange is to provide the Ann Arbor Gold Coast area with a unique dining experience within a casually sophisticated, warm, and relaxed atmosphere,” stated John Janviriya, Mélange Interior Architect, Designer and Partner. “Mélange’s aim is to create an intriguing space of interaction that appeals to the senses while remaining a dining venue that is welcoming to the walk-in guest. Offering a contemporary, subterranean bistro, Mélange strives to continually achieve a culturally balanced, diversified, and community oriented dining business in Downtown Ann Arbor.”

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## **MÉLANGE DESIGN**

Designed by John Janviriya, internationally known restaurant/entertainment interior architect and designer, Mélange's décor immerses the guest with contrasting moods and textures creating an intimate, sexy and modern atmosphere.

"We want to provide our guests with an experience of a mini-vacation, whether it's a Saturday night dinner or stepping into the lounge after work," said John Janviriya. "Mélange will offer guests the opportunity to be transformed from their daily lives to a setting of interaction as a form of theatre."

Mélange's open floor plan features bamboo walls, dramatic chandeliers, and a cosmopolitan design that is as sophisticated as it is comfortable. A variety of seating styles include oversized seven-foot tall booths, settees, two private dining rooms, and a lounge.

Accommodating up to 230 guests, Mélange comfortably seats 170 guests for dining, and 40 for private dining.

## **MÉLANGE RELÂCHER LOUNGE**

"Offering the largest bar in Downtown Ann Arbor, we expect our Relâcher Lounge to be very popular," said Mélange Manager Terry Martin. "The bamboo lined walls, live downbeat lounge music, and crimson shaded seating provide guests a serene, sophisticated and relaxing venue to sit-back and enjoy a glass of wine."

Mélange's Relâcher Lounge serves an extensive martini list and retro libations such as Lillet, the French aperitif wine from Bordeaux; and Dubonet, a French, wine-based aperitif flavored with spices and hints of quinine.

The Relâcher Lounge will host live music featuring local artists and nationally recognized DJ's.

*Mélange Bistro and Wine Bar showcased on Main Street in Ann Arbor stimulates all of the senses by offering Eurasian eclectic cuisine infused with worldly ingredients, and an aesthetic atmosphere created by the internationally known restaurant designer/builder John Janviriya. A variety of seating styles include oversized seven-foot tall booths, settee, two private dining rooms, and a lounge. The climate-controlled wine cellar boasts 1,500 bottles from New Zealand, South Africa, Michigan, California, Oregon, Australia, and more. The dynamic menu and ambience of the venue create an intimate connection between food and architecture. Mélange is located at 314 Main Street, Downtown Ann Arbor. Mélange hours are Sunday – Wednesday: 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Thursday: 4:00 pm – 12:00 am, and Friday & Saturday: 4:00 pm – 2:00 am. Reservations at 734.222.0202. [www.melangebistro.com](http://www.melangebistro.com)*

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