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Maggie McFly's[®], Local, Craft, Eatery & Bar, Announces its 8th Location Opening Soon at Crossgates Mall

Regional Multi-Unit Restaurant Concept to offer "Upscale Casual Dining"

ALBANY, NY - Maggie McFly's[®], Connecticut's Award-Winning restaurant and bar is proud to announce that they will soon be opening their 8th location right here in Albany, NY. Soon to be located in Crossgates on the lower level below FunnyBone Comedy Club, the slated opening will make this the groups' first New York location, currently with five locations in Connecticut, one in Virginia Beach, and an additional with a late 2018 opening in Springfield, VA, located 10 minutes outside the metro DC area.

Known for its keen ability to source and implement the finest and freshest locally sourced products and ingredients, Maggie McFly's[®] brings a large sense of community to its already established brand image. Working with small to large local companies, the group believes that local and fresh is the only way to nourish, fulfill and execute their menu items while upholding the highest standard that their community deserves.

Local sourcing at Maggie McFly's[®] starts from the bottom up. Any possible component which is infused into the making of a menu item that can be locally sourced, will be. From baked goods including most dessert options, to farm-fresh honey which is mixed in to the majority of their house-made dressings and glazes, as well as produce, beef and fish; just a few examples of the vast catalogue of partners Maggie McFly's[®] has teamed up with, within its local areas. The establishments also offer a growing list of all-natural and organic items. Guests with dietary restrictions can find a large selection of gluten-free items within the 180-item menu.

The culinary team of Maggie McFly's[®] working from a scratch kitchen, has created a menu that includes epicurean entrees as well as signature burgers, large-portioned salads, specialty pizzas and fresh pasta dishes as well as rotating seasonal specials. Known for its generous portions and affordable prices,

Maggie's (as it's affectionately referred to) fits into the niche of "Upscale Casual Dining", according to its owner and founder, Raymond Harper.

Maggie McFly's[®] not only believes in local sourcing, but also sourcing where environmentally friendly factors can be taken into consideration. Incorporating a superb wines-by-the-glass program, the company utilizes a nitrous system which is not only used to preserve freshness, but also plays a huge factor in recycling as the system eliminates the use of 29 glass bottles by incorporating a reusable keg. Maggie's beverage roster includes over 100 local craft beers; a strong line-up of single malt scotches, small batch bourbons and high-end tequilas; an enticing menu of martinis and specialty drinks, most-of-which are comprised of local spirits.

"Our philosophy is to find or develop delicious and innovative recipes and serve them to the dining public at reasonable prices," says Mr. Harper. "People should not have to go to a pricey seafood restaurant to enjoy fresh salmon cooked to perfection on a cedar plank, or to a high end Italian restaurant to enjoy fresh pasta."

The array of global influences is how the restaurant's name figures into its mission: The mythological ace aviator Maggie McFly is continuously circumnavigating the globe in search of the best food and drink. And when she rests her wings, it's to bring back the wonders of her travels to her favorite eatery. And so at Maggie's, one can find dishes inspired by some of the world's finest culinary cultures: Bang Bang Shrimp and Chicken from Thailand, Spicy Latino Hanger Steak from Cuba and Sausage Cavatelli with Broccolini and sundried tomatoes from northern Italy.

Mr. Harper is particularly excited about the new location in Albany, NY: "I believe that we fit into a niche the restaurant-goers in Albany will truly appreciate. Unlike national chains we can purchase from and cultivate relationships with smaller, local purveyors that are always striving to provide the best ingredients."

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For more information on Maggie McFly's, visit their website at <u>www.maggiemcflys.com</u>.

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About Maggie McFly's®

Maggie McFly's®, established in 1993, opened its first bar and eatery in Middlebury, Connecticut with the idea of providing its community and guests with an all-around unique and savory, food and beverage experience. Driven off the idea of being a lifestyle establishment that encompasses all areas of dining and leisurely wants and needs, Maggie McFly's[®] has since developed into a household go-to destination for all communities in which we reside. Currently operating in multiple states with 6 locations and yearly expansion plans. Maggie McFly's[®], owned and operated by sole-owner, Ray Harper, believes not only in providing an all-around exceptional dining and beverage experience, but in playing a larger role in the communities in which we operate. We believe that the food and beverage we serve to our patrons must be the absolute best we can possibly provide. We take extreme measures to locally source and fill our menus with the finest products we can acquire within our local communities. From produce to spices to meats to spirits, we know that the most nutritious and freshest ingredients will be found right on the very soil our restaurants reside. We praise our local partners, and are eternally thankful for what their passions have brought to our dishes. Food allergens and dietary-restrictions are also taken well into account when creating new menu items. We take sensitivities very seriously and want those with restrictions to enjoy our food and beverage experience and have a bevy of options to dine freely. All our establishments have a dedicated glutenfree fryer and our menu boasts more than 50 gluten-free items out of the 180 plus full-menu options. "Local and Craft" are not just a part of our tagline, they are statements in which we live by each and every day we open our Maggie McFly's[®] restaurants for business.

About Crossgates Mall:

Crossgates Mall is the Capital Region's premier shopping, dining and entertainment destination offering an impressive selection of national brands and the newest retail concepts. The center is anchored by Lord & Taylor, Macy's, JCPenney, Dick's Sporting Goods, Best Buy, Dave & Buster's, Lucky Strike Social, Billy Beez and Regal Cinemas with IMAX, and offers more than 180 retail shops, including Apple, a food court, and restaurants. Crossgates is soon to welcome a 192-room dual branded Tru and Homewood Suites by Hilton, our first on site hotel, opening Fall 2018. Eat. Shop. Play. Additional information regarding Crossgates Mall can be found at <u>www.ShopCrossgates.com</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

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