



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT:

Erika H. Chesley
Associate Director – Marketing & Business Development
USC Hospitality
3415 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 103
Los Angeles, California 90089
erika.chesley@usc.edu

USC HOSPITALITY CHEF CONTESTANT ON HELL’S KITCHEN

LOS ANGELES, California, USA (February 25, 2015) – Assistant Kitchen Manager, Joshua Trovato, will be one of 18 aspiring chefs on FOX’s popular reality cooking competition. Once again, 18 new chefs from across the country will be tested like never before as Chef Ramsay puts them through a series of grueling challenges and dinner services to prove they have what it takes to win a life-changing grand prize. Only time will tell, as what some say is the fiercest kitchen battle kicks off on March 3, 2015 for Season 14.

Chef Joshua Trovato is a lead culinarian at Parkside Residential Dining at the University of Southern California. Parkside serves trend-current International cuisine in an exhibition-style format served buffet style. Along with a 25 person culinarian team, Josh serves over 3,000 meals a day to college students. Every meal served to USC students is an opportunity to impact a generation of future leaders, a task taken very seriously by Hospitality management.

USC Hospitality Associate Director, Erik Russell, shares, “Josh’s participation in the upcoming season of Hell’s Kitchen is a wonderful opportunity for him personally, as well as an opportunity for the University to showcase the continued evolution in our hospitality program. We take great pride in hiring top talent and Josh is a perfect example of that. We are looking to change the perception of what Universities can do with hospitality and Josh’s participation in Hell’s Kitchen is another step forward for him and our program.”

USC Hospitality is hosting a Viewing Party for the premiere in honor of Chef Josh on Tuesday, March 3rd at UrbnMrkt for the campus community. Each episode will be shown in all residential dining venues throughout the season.

For more information on USC Hospitality, please visit hospitality.usc.edu or contact the Marketing Department at 213.740.5956.

-more-

About ITV Studios America:

ITV Studios America, the U.S. production flagship of ITV Studios in the U.K., is one of the largest producers in the U.S. and a major force in acquiring, developing and producing non-scripted and scripted programming for U.S. networks. It has a slate of series in production with major networks and syndicators, including "Texas Rising," "Good Witch," HELL'S KITCHEN, "Kitchen Nightmares," "The First 48," "After the First 48," "#RichKids of Beverly Hills," "Cesar 911," "The Chase," "Barmageddon," "Rocky Mountain Bounty Hunters," "The Car Chasers" and "The Bill Cunningham Show."

ITV Studios is a world leader in television production and distribution. It has international production centers in the U.K., Germany, France, the Nordics and Australia, as well as the U.S. The distribution business, ITV Studios Global Entertainment, is a distributor of programs to all regions worldwide. For further information, visit: <http://www.itvstudios.com/us>.

About USC Hospitality

USC Hospitality is a division of USC Auxiliary Services at the University of Southern California, one of the nation's premier research universities. USC Hospitality operates over 30 food and beverage venues on the University Park Campus, Health Sciences Campus as well as two off campus venues and offers full-service catering. A unique mix of nationally recognized, locally acclaimed as well as innovative self-branded concepts consist of full-service restaurants, residential dining restaurants, cafes, retail dining concepts, vending and full-service catering supports the food and beverage needs of the university community. For more information, please visit hospitality.usc.edu.

-#####-