

# flavours of the west



Those who were disappointed to learn that the *Taste of Bath* is not taking place this summer are in for a tasty treat with a brand new event called *Flavours of the West*. And as ever, flavour is on hand to give you the run-down on Milsom Place's first foodie event.

Milsom Place has been heralded as one of the best developments in recent years by successfully incorporating 13 listed buildings and creating an area that is sympathetic with the historic fabric of the city yet buzzing with vitality. Contemporary shop fronts and finishes have attracted the city's top independent fashion retailers as well as top high-street brands like Ted Baker and Cath Kidston, in addition to the flagship Jamie's Italian restaurant, the Moon & Sixpence and newly opened Solo Pizza.

No foodie event worth its salt is complete without cookery demos, and eight of the best-known chefs in the region will be demonstrating in a specially designed kitchen over the course of the weekend, using regional produce to create their favourite dishes. The Michelin starred line up includes Head Chef James Sheridan from the *Bath Priory Hotel & Restaurant* and Hywel Jones from *Lucknam Park* plus local celebrity chef Martin Blunos and Masterchef 2008 winner James Nathan.

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Director of Milsom Place, Sarah Mansfield says "Not only does Milsom Place have some great restaurants such as Jamie's, the Moon & Sixpence and now Solo Pizza, but we have a track record of holding successful food events in the past. *The Flavours of the West* is a natural extension for us. It's very exciting to bring some of our great regional chefs together with the producers and put on an event right in the heart of Bath. The streets and courtyards of Milsom Place are perfect for this." ■



This year artisan producers are being invited to take stalls in the open courtyard areas and the Octagon. A brand-new venture, *The Bath Pig Company*, will be showcasing its chorizo sausages made from locally raised pork. Other producers include *Quoins Organic Vineyard* based in Bradford-on-Avon, *The Devon Cream Company*, ice-cream makers *Mendip Moments* and *Pymon Pates*. The West Country is justly famous for its cheeses and both *The Somerset Cheese Company* and *Cranbourne Chase Cheese* are to exhibit at the event. *Paxton and Whitfield* will also be adding their support with some of their top cheese makers in the region.

For those who enjoy a tippie, English wine will feature prominently under the *Great Western Wine* banner with their leading regional specialists. In addition, cider expert Alan Stone, editor of the recently published *Somerset Cider Handbook*, will be leading a talk and tasting of artisan ciders on both days.



**Flavours of the West will take place in Milsom Place on 4-5 July. Entrance is free. For more information, please call 01225 789040 or visit [www.milsomplace.co.uk](http://www.milsomplace.co.uk)**

