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**taste café & marketplace Announces Grand Opening**

*Meridian-Kessler Neighborhood Café will offer Breakfast, Lunch, Gourmet Marketplace*

**INDIANAPOLIS - May 18, 2004** - A fresh, new neighborhood restaurant is now open on the corner of College & 52nd St., just south of Broad Ripple Village: *taste café & marketplace*. The restaurant serves gourmet breakfasts, lunches and weekend brunches, and features home-made specialty dishes, sandwiches and salads and an extensive array of baked goods and desserts.

After spending the last 15 years managing the kitchens of some of New York and Los Angeles' most successful restaurants, seasoned executive chefs Marc Urwand and Deidra Henry moved back to Indianapolis to start their own café and gourmet marketplace. Along with Henry's sister Dana Henry Amos, the team's mission is to create a modern yet relaxed, neighborhood restaurant that offers both grab-and-go cuisine and leisurely meals at an affordable price.

*taste* hopes distinguish itself from other Indianapolis breakfast and lunch spots by offering a fresh approach to classic American recipes. "I grew up making old fashioned favorites for my family and then went on to learn complex recipes and sophisticated presentation techniques from five-star chefs," said Deidra Henry. "What I've found is people want high quality, not high style. Now I focus on infusing fresh flavors and innovative twists into simple and traditional recipes."

Another way *taste* hopes to distinguish itself is in its artful food presentation. "My passion is creating delectable food, which is beautifully presented because this is such an important part of the dining experience," said Urwand. "When cuisine is artfully presented, you know the ingredients are fresh, the recipe was well-executed and the preparation was precise."

The *taste* marketplace offers a continually rotating selection of gourmet foods and specialty items, including many ingredients used in the restaurant's recipes. Some of the cuisine-to-go items include imported and domestic cheeses, sliced deli meats, homemade jams, herbs, oils, spices and house-blend coffee and tea. *taste* also offers boxed lunches and catering services to accommodate meetings and special events.

For more information, visit *taste's* Web site at [www.tastecafeandmarketplace.com](http://www.tastecafeandmarketplace.com) or call 317.925-café.

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