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ESSENCE + AMUSE = ELIXIR

A Culinary Circus of Drink, Music, Competitions & Fun in Asheville



Why ESSENCE? Essence of Food and Drink can be found in the fusion of flavours making each dish and cocktail unique. Fresh local ingredients presented for your enjoyment. June 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the MHCC Event Center. [Presented by The Local Palate](#)

Distilleries, Mixologists & Chefs!

The chefs are bringing their best culinary talents.
Grand Bohemian Hotel & Red Stag Grill - Chef Scott Ostrander
Omni Grove Park Inn - Chef Philip Bollhoefer
Buffalo Nickel - Chef Ryan Kline
Farm Burger - Chef Michael Aanonsen

The list of renown mixologists will again compete to give you the most creative and flavorful spirits to lift yours. From the aperitif to the nightcap, samples will be provided by competitors to give you a taste of regional talent.
Night Bell/Curate - Mixologist Drew Hendrickson
Edison-OGPI Mixologist Elaina Raines
MG Roads/Chai Pani Mixologist Erin Hawley
Red Stag Mixologist Leslie Sheehan
Buffalo Nickel Mixologist Stephen Wheeler
Top of the Monk Mixologists Kala Brooks

Have you tried these Distilleries?
Asheville Distillery -Troy and Sons
Defiant Whisky
Muddy River Distillery
Covington Spirits
Southern Artisan Spirits
Tito's Handmade Vodka
TOPO Distillery

You taste and judge the best chef and best mixologist. The top chefs' move on to the GRAND TASTING and the top mixologists get to expand their performance at ELIXIR! The 2015 ELIXIR event is on Thursday, August 20 at the MHCC Event Center and the GRAND TASTING is August 22 at the US Cellular Center. Think of this as Theater! Purchase your tickets today: ashevillewineandfood.com

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**No Under-age Admission will be permitted – Must be at least 21 years of age
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