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Romance is in the Air at Moonstruck Chocolate Cafés

Exclusive Chocolates and Experiences Await Valentine's Day Lovebirds

(Portland, Ore. – Feb. 2, 2009) – Moonstruck Chocolatier is ramping up the romance for Valentine's Day, offering unique experiences and one-of-a-kind chocolates that can only be found in its Moonstruck Chocolate Cafés. With a decadent Valentine's night tasting menu, as well as limited edition handcrafted artisan chocolates not available anywhere else, Moonstruck Chocolate Café is *the* destination for those seeking Valentine's Day gifts and activities without compare.

On Valentine's night, three Moonstruck Chocolate Cafés will be offering a romantic dining indulgence: A Chocolate Tasting Menu for Two. The tasting menu consists of four exquisite Moonstruck Chocolatier truffles, two 12 oz. gourmet coffee, tea or chocolate beverages and an American Cocoa Candle to take home as a keepsake.

The tasting menu will be available at the NW 23rd Ave., Beaverton Town Square and Lake Oswego Village Moonstruck Chocolate Café locations on Saturday, February 14 from 7:00 pm until close and will cost \$20.

In addition, Moonstruck's Master Chocolatier, Chef Julian Rose, personally handcrafted a limited number of chocolate gift boxes just for Valentine's Day. Chef Rose has created two such boxes from which to choose:

- **Dark Chocolate Lace Heart Box:** Chef Rose delicately drizzled ribbons of dark chocolate to hand-form 150 of these lacy Valentine's Day special deliveries. Topped with the popular "With Love" Ocumarian Truffle, the top easily opens to fill the box with any of Moonstruck's delicious truffles for an extraordinary Valentine's Day gift. \$18 for the chocolate box, truffles sold separately.
- **Petite Dark Chocolate Heart Box:** Chef Rose hand-poured dark chocolate to form 300 of these petite heart-shaped boxes, then hand painted them with a naturally colored red cocoa butter to give them just a hint of blush. The boxes come filled with Chef Rose's latest decadent treat, Truffettes Vanille. These bite-sized morsels feature a soft and creamy ganache of pure Madagascar vanilla, fresh cream, sweet butter and dark chocolate that's hand-piped into mini-truffles and rolled in the purest dark cocoa powder imported from Holland. \$12 for the chocolate box and six Truffettes.

These products are now available exclusively in the five Portland-area Moonstruck Chocolate Cafés. They are in addition to the Valentine's Day 2009 Collection that

became available earlier this month at Moonstruck Chocolate Cafés, select retail outlets and fine grocers across the country, and www.moonstruckchocolate.com.

About Moonstruck Chocolate Co.

Established in 1993, Moonstruck Chocolate Co. was founded on the premise that chocolate is an indulgence for all the senses. Moonstruck Chocolatier uses only the finest and freshest ingredients, including chocolate that originates from some of the most exotic and highest quality cocoa beans in the world. The company's award-winning artisan chocolates, which were featured as the official chocolate of the 77th and 78th Annual Academy Awards® gift baskets, are handcrafted, hand-decorated and hand-packaged in Portland, Ore. Moonstruck Chocolate Co. also owns and operates five Moonstruck Chocolate Cafés in Portland. For more information, please visit www.moonstruckchocolate.com.

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