## Nazca Kitchen Opens Friday, December 21st

## South American Comfort Food

DALLAS (December 17, 2012).....In South America, food is more than just a source of nourishment. It is a gathering point and a reason to celebrate. Red Hot & Blue (longtime Dallas BBQ restaurant) majority owner, Craig Collins, brings that spirit to his new venture Nazca Kitchen, which opens this Friday, December 21st. This South American comfort food concept will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner in a comfortable yet sleek and clean-lined space designed by Hatsumi Kuzuu.

Collins explains, "In South America, food is the common thread in a cultural landscape woven for thousands of years by African, American Indian, Asian and European influences. At Nazca Kitchen, our menu is a diverse and refined selection of authentic South American dishes." In true South American tradition, Nazca Kitchen recipes call for only the freshest of ingredients - ingredients that are locally and sustainably grown, and brought right to the kitchen by the very hands that picked them. From roasted chicken and fresh ceviches to acai breakfast bowls and specialty coffee blends, Nazca Kitchen is a fresh take on the traditional cuisine that has defined South America's history.

Collins continues, "The first time I traveled to South America in 2006, I fell in love with the cuisine and everything else about the region. I knew immediately that I wanted to develop a concept for Dallas that would compliment this great culture. After traveling there sometimes more than twice a year to learn and experience everything about their way of life, traditions and customs, Nazca Kitchen was born from those influences and my personal experiences along the way."

The name, Nazca Kitchen, comes from a unique, agricultural civilization that once flourished along the southern coast of Peru. The Nazca culture was known not only for their exquisitely crafted textiles and polychromatic pottery, but also their impressive system of aqueducts that after more than 1,000 years, is still in use today. The name comes from "Las Linas de Nazca", the ancient formation of geoglyphs or etchings in the desert outside Nasca, Peru. Though environmental factors brought an end to the Nazca civilization, Nazca Kitchen wishes to continue the ancient tradition of freshpicked ingredients, rich flavors, and authentic dishes.

Nazca Kitchen is located at 8041 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 854, Dallas, Texas 75231. Phone: 214.696.2922 Website: <a href="http://www.nazcakitchen.com">http://www.nazcakitchen.com</a>

Hours of Operation: Sunday - Thursday: 6:30 am - 11:00 am Breakfast, 11:00 am - 9:00 p.m Lunch/Dinner; Friday/Saturday: 6:30 - am - 11:00 am Breakfast, 11:00 am - 10:00 pm Lunch/Dinner.

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