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Internationally Acclaimed Seattle Restaurant Announces Second Location Volterra's Tuscan-Inspired Cuisine Expands to Kirkland, Washington - Fall 2012

Seattle, Washington—May 7, 2012—Chef Don Curtiss and Managing Partner Michelle Quisenberry, the duo behind Seattle's internationally-acclaimed Volterra restaurant are expanding into Kirkland, Washington with the opening of a second location scheduled to open in early Fall 2012. The 101 luxury apartment building at 121 Kirkland Avenue will house Volterra's new 2,500 sq. ft eastside restaurant and accommodate 85 guests – 55 in the dining room and 30 in the lounge. Volterra -Kirkland, will serve lunch and happy hour during the week, dinner nightly, Saturday lunch and Sunday brunch.

Founded by Curtiss and Quisenberry, Volterra features Chef Curtiss' Tuscan-inspired menu, showcasing his innovative style applied to the bountiful ingredients of the Pacific Northwest. "Michelle and I were married in the Tuscan hilltop town of Volterra and it was the inspiration for our Ballard location, which recently celebrated its 7th anniversary," said Curtiss, chef partner of Volterra. "We have many loyal customers who live on the Eastside, and with the opening of our Kirkland location, our guests will be able to receive the same Volterra experience without the hassle of dealing with traffic and bridges."

Volterra's original location in Seattle, Washington is open for dinner every night and brunch on weekends. Seasonal Tuscan specialties, local ingredients, all natural and organic meats and poultry, house-made pasta and charcuterie, an extensive gluten free menu and a Wine Spectator award-winning wine list are what have made Volterra one of Seattle's favorites. The 85-seat restaurant also features a warm-weather patio, happy hour and late-night dining in the bar.

Since its opening in April 2005, Volterra has been hailed "the city's toughest reservation" by Bon Appetit magazine and has received the "Wine Spectator Award of Excellence" each year. Volterra has been included in Zagat's "America's Top Restaurants", has been named "Best New Restaurant" and "Best Italian Restaurant" by Seattle Magazine and has received the title "Best Chef Inspired Restaurant" by Seattle Metropolitan Magazine, and "Best Southern Italian Food" by the Seattle Weekly. In addition, celebrity chef and television host Rachael Ray named Volterra as one of her "favorite restaurants on the planet".

Volterra will offer a sneak peak of their Tuscan specialties to attendees of the Seattle International Film Festival's opening night gala in Kirkland on May 31, 2012 at the Kirkland Performance Center. Volterra's new Eastside neighbors are invited to attend and taste a flavor of what is to come at the restaurant's new Kirkland location. Tickets can be purchased through the SIFF box office at 206.324.9996 or online at www.siff.net.

Volterra – Seattle, is located at 5411 Ballard Avenue Northwest in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle. For reservations, call 206-789-5100. Open Monday - Thursday 4:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday 4:30-11:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Happy Hour: Monday – Friday 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Visit Volterra online at <http://www.volterrarestaurant.com>.

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