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The Bridgewater Modern Grill Kicks Off Summer with Patio Launch Party and Live Music Series

Longest riverfront patio in area returns with May 24 community party; restaurant adds rotating artist series throughout summer

MILWAUKEE – With warm weather almost here to stay, Milwaukeeans are eagerly awaiting consistent patio weather to begin enjoying the true Milwaukee summer. Meanwhile, <u>The Bridgewater Modern Grill</u>, the restaurant with the longest riverfront patio in the area, is gearing up for the season as a top destination, with a Patio Launch Party on Friday, May 24.

Beginning at 11 a.m. and going throughout the day, the restaurant will host a cornhole tournament on the outdoor lawn. Both indoors and outdoors, happy hour will be extended from 3 - 6:30 p.m. and the outdoor lounge seating will stay open an additional hour, closing at 11 p.m., to allow for late night drinks and ample outdoor time with friends and family.

Both the 165 interior dining, as well as 80-person outdoor dining, will feature the riverfront restaurant's new seasonal menu, with items including Sweet Chili Shrimp with cabbage, cilantro and a sweet chili glaze (\$17), Caprese Salad (\$16), Ravioli with lemon ricotta, asparagus, beech mushroom, tarragon cream sauce, sunflower seed and grana padano (\$28), and more.

The restaurant's six highly-anticipated boat docks will also officially be open to the public, with specialty dining and drink packages available to boaters. Boaters and kayakers are available to order via QR code or tie up and dine outdoors or indoors.

"Community members and employees alike have been looking forward to the day when we could officially launch our 245-ft patio and we're thrilled that time has finally come," said Rik Acken, general manager of The Bridgewater Modern Grill. "Whether you're grabbing brunch or dinner, lounging with a drink or are fresh off the dock from a long day of boating, we know there's nothing like our patio on a beautiful summer day. We can't wait to celebrate with our neighbors and friends on May 24 and beyond, as we continue to look for ways to activate our beautiful space all summer long."

To celebrate the sweet sounds of summer, The Bridgewater will also be expanding on its popular Saturday Jazz Brunch series, with the addition of rotating genres serenading patrons on Sundays from 1 – 4 p.m.

Currently, jazz bands like Suzanne Grzanna, Crook + Company, Seagull and Friends, Christopher's Project, Marcya Danielle Jazz Duos and more play Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

While that will continue throughout the summer, the restaurant will also be filled with the sounds of blue grass, island, acoustic rock and more on Sundays. Local artists such as Pangea, Listening Party, Tlalok,

She's Right-I'm Left, Plain Grass Folks, Jesse Voelker Duo and more will perform from 1-4 p.m. Full line-up with corresponding dates listed below.

To make a reservation, visit https://bridgewatermke.com/.

Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- 5/25 Suzanne Grzanna
- 6/1 Crook + Company
- 6/8 Christopher's Project
- 6/15 Seagull and Friends
- 6/22 Suzanne Grzanna
- 6/29 Marcya Danielle Jazz Duos
- 7/6 Crook + Company
- 7/13 Seagull and Friends
- 7/20 Christopher's Project
- 7/27 Suzanne Grzanna
- 8/3 Crook + Company
- 8/10 Christopher's Project
- 8/17 Marcya Danielle Jazz Duos
- 8/24 Suzanne Grzanna
- 8/31 Crook + Company

Sundays and select Mondays from 1 – 4 p.m.

- 5/26 Pangea
- 5/27 Pangea
- 6/2 Listening Party
- 6/9 TLALOK
- 6/16 Pangea
- 6/23 Listening Party
- 6/30 She's Right-I'm Left
- 7/7 Pangea
- 7/14 Listening Party
- 7/21 TLALOK
- 7/28 Plain Grass Folks
- 8/4 TLALOK
- 8/11 Pangea
- 8/18 Jesse Voelker Duo
- 8/25 Plan Gass Folks
- 9/1 Jesse Voelker Duo
- 9/2 Pangea

ABOUT THE BRIDGEWATER

The Bridgewater Modern Grill, located in Milwaukee's Harbor District, features over 11,000 total sq. ft. with 165 interior dining seats, including a 30-person private dining room and multiple booths offering open kitchen visibility to the oak-fed Jade grill. The 80-seat exterior dining space features the indoor/outdoor bar, social patio with soft seating, fire tables and cocktail service, and a 100-person outdoor lawn for activation and private events. Learn more at www.BridgewaterMKE.com.

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Benson's Restaurant Group is a family-owned hospitality company based in Milwaukee that conceptualizes, develops and operates a portfolio of restaurants. Benson's Restaurant Group, a division of Marcus



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