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ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT RESORT EXECUTIVE PASTRY CHEF LUCY MARTIN PARTICIPATES IN THE FOOD NETWORK CHALLENGE: “WONDERS OF THE WORLD”

Orlando, Fla., May 6, 2009 – Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center Executive Pastry Chef, Lucy Martin will be one of four competitors vying for the \$10,000 first place award in the Food Network Challenge: “Wonders of the World.”

Chef Martin has only eight hours to create out of chocolate one of the Seven Wonders of the World and she has selected the Lighthouse of Alexandria, which once stood as a beacon of light to mariners in Alexandria, Egypt. According to Martin, when this solid chocolate masterpiece is complete, it will stand over four feet tall and weigh nearly 60 pounds. *“I am thrilled and proud to be a part of this competition,”* stated Martin. *“It’s a unique opportunity and I’m really looking forward to this challenge.”*

The Executive Pastry Chef inside the world’s largest Marriott for the past six years, Martin oversees all pastries & breads for the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center’s diverse 10 Food & Beverage outlets and banquets inside the largest pillar-free resort ballroom in the nation. She launched her career at the New York Marriott Marquis in 1991 while attending the Institute of Culinary Education in Manhattan. Chef Martin also apprenticed with Colette’s Cakes and has an extensive wedding cake clientele.

Over the years, this highly respected and award-winning chef holds one silver and two bronze medals for her awe-inspiring chocolate showpieces and is a silver medal recipient for the Super Team Challenge at the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Show. In addition, Chef Lucy Martin was inducted into the distinguished Institute of Culinary Education (ICE®) Alumni Hall of Achievement in 2006.

This award-winning and eco-savvy meeting destination showcases a remarkable 450,000 total square-feet of event space, all under one roof and most entirely on one level. It is home to 2,000 beautifully designed guest rooms and suites, most with spacious balconies; 18-hole

championship golf course and a full service spa and fitness center. The sprawling outdoor spaces and terraces, which surround or overlook the resort's impressive million-gallon pool complex, are also perfect venues to host dynamic outdoor functions. A stellar management team is on hand to successfully orchestrate any size event.

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