

Festival News Advisory

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! CHERRIES GRAND BUFFET *Three Seatings at Historic City Opera House*

(Traverse City, MI) April 22, 2008 – The National Cherry Festival is pleased to announce an additional seating for its **Cherries Grand Buffet**– will showcase recipes prepared by the culinary and catering professionals at **Grand Traverse Pie Company**. Complimenting the buffet, where you'll find cherries tucked into luncheon favorites like wraps, soups, and salads – (not to mention cherry delectable desserts), festival-goers will enjoy a 30 minute **Musical Stage Show** produced by the **Old Town Playhouse Performers**. And what better place to celebrate this newly remodeled event than the recently refurbished **City Opera House** in downtown Traverse City. The **Grand Buffet** sponsored by **Fifth Third Bank** will offer three luncheon seatings on **Friday, July 11**. The first seating will get underway at 11:00 a.m., while the second seating is slated for 1:00 p.m. and final seating at 3:00 p.m.

Cherries Grand Buffet is a favorite, with a menu filled with locally-inspired dishes like Cherry Filled Wraps, Cherry Chicken Croissants, Stacked Cherry Infused Deli Sandwiches, Cole Slaw tossed with Grand Traverse Pie's own *Cherry Vinaigrette*, and a savory Cherry Potato Salad – it's sure to be a sold out event once again. Served up *buffet style*, the cherry inspired menu will also feature sweet treats including famous Grand Traverse Pie Company's Cherry Pie.

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The entertainers for the Cherry Grand Buffet are from a troupe of performers who annually do a show as part of the Old Town Playhouse Gala to be held at the City Opera House in June.

The mission of Old Town Playhouse is to be a volunteer-based organization that promotes quality community theatre experiences by providing educational opportunities and entertainment in the theatrical arts.

The **'All You Can Eat' Cherries Grand Buffet** is \$20 for adults, and \$10 for Children (10 and under). Admission into the *Buffet* is limited to 200 festival-goers at all **three seatings**: 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3 p.m.

For tickets and more information regarding cherries, and Festival events call (231) 947-4230 or visit www.cherryfestival.org

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