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David Payne Joins Galatoire's as Manager

New Orleans- October 31, 2007—Manager David Payne has joined the Galatoire's restaurant family. Payne will work closely with the kitchen, host and wait staffs to uphold the quality of food, dining and customer service for which Galatoire's is known.

Payne, most recently the Manger of Table One Brasserie, moved from a small town in East Central Illinois to New Orleans in 1984 to follow his passions— food and music. He began his restaurant career at Mr. B's Bistro with Ralph and Cindy Brennan as a busser and server before working his way up to Manager. He then worked with Susan Spicer at Bayona where he spent 10 years as Night Manager. His experience also includes opening Nola with Chef Emeril Lagasse, working as the Maitre d' of the Bombay Club and as General Manager of the Lee Circle Restaurant.

"At Galatoire's, Payne has found a working home that embodies the essence of his adopted city and a working family which embraces the same standard of excellence for which he strives," said Galatoire's General Manager Chris Ycaza.

Galatoire's was recently honored to be chosen as one of the local hosts of the James Beard Foundation's Taste America Dinners in conjunction with the Foundation's twentieth anniversary celebration. In 2007 Galatoire's wine list received the Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator Magazine, Brett Anderson of the New Orleans Times Picayune named Galatoire's one of the city's top 10 restaurants, the Zagat Survey rated Galatoire's most popular restaurant in New Orleans and New Orleans Magazine named Galatoire's Best Restaurant. In 2005 the James Beard Foundation presented Galatoire's with its San Pellegrino Outstanding Restaurant Award.

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