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## Aspire Announced as Best New Restaurant

Providence, RI – *April 14, 2009* – Aspire Restaurant, located at 311 Westminster Street in Providence RI, has been voted the “Best New Restaurant” in the Providence Phoenix’s annual reader’s choice issue. Renovated and reopened in June 2008, Aspire is a story of vibrant color, inventive cuisine and service excellence. “We are honored and most appreciative to have been selected as Best New Restaurant by the Providence Phoenix”, said Stepstone Hospitality President Tom Russo. “It is extremely heartwarming and meaningful to have been chosen by the readers whom we strive to satisfy each and every day”.

The culinary philosophy at Aspire is guided by a passion for the art of Rhode Island Cuisine. The menu consists of contemporary American food with a special emphasis on inventive preparations of regional fare. Under the direction of Chef Jason Dragonetti, the menu features an eclectic yet cohesive sampling of seasonal selections including fresh Rhode Island Lobster and traditional Italian favorites such as Veal Bolognese. A spirit of camaraderie is encouraged with Aspire’s popular “small plates” menu and the thoughtfully selected global wine list completes a superlative dining experience.

Aspire is adjacent to the AAA Four-Diamond awarded Hotel Providence and can be accessed through the lobby of the stylish boutique hotel. Theater-goers enjoy Aspire’s centralized downtown location and the special “show night” menu complete with “dessert after the show” voucher. From the outdoor dining offered in the charming courtyard, to the South Beach inspired rooftop terrace serving up the hottest Jazz in the city on Friday nights, Aspire is a dining revelation that promises an experience unlike anything else in downtown Providence.