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Tantalise your tastebuds - Liverpool's Festival of Food and Drink returns

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WITH big name chefs like Marco Pierre White and Jamie Oliver opening new venues in the area, Merseyside is fast becoming the food capital of the north.

Now in its third year, The Liverpool Food and Drink Festival 2010 is a foodie's paradise. Last year saw over 30,000 people enjoy the launch event, with celebrity chef Marco Pierre White overseeing proceedings.

This year's festival will be launched by celebrity chef James Martin and will take place in Sefton Park on Sunday, September 12, where tourists and local residents alike rub shoulders and share in good food, drink, music and company. Over 80 of the top bars and restaurants in the city will be

showcasing their culinary delights alongside specialist food and drink producers.

Organised by Liverpool-based event management company, SK Events and with the valuable support of Liverpool City Council, the day will include celebrity chef appearances and a live kitchen theatre with demonstrations from local chefs including Paul Heathcote (Simply Heathcotes/The Olive Press); Liverpool's own Paul Askew (pic above) of The London Carriage Works; Ian Pengelley, head chef of Pan-Asian restaurant Gilgamesh based in Camden, London; and 16-year old Luke Thomas, one of Britain's rising culinary stars!

This year sees the introduction of a Champagne tent and VIP area, sponsored by The Noble House, plus there's an interactive children's zone, sponsored by Family Go Live Magazine. Packed full of educational and creative activities to keep budding chefs occupied for hours, Love Food Hate Waste will be hosting a 'grow your own garden' along with 'Chefs adopt a school' who will be teaching youngsters the essential basics of food

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