AN EVENING AT
Lutèce
WITH CHEF ANDRÉ SOLTNER
to benefit University Settlement
Gary J. Baumann, Sharon R. Egilinsky, and James K. Finkel, Co-Chairs, request the pleasure of your company at University Settlement’s 9th Annual Fine Wine Dinner & Auction

Tuesday, April 16, 2013
Champagne Henriot Reception 6PM
Dinner & Auction 7PM
82 Mercer
(Between Spring and Broome Streets)
New York City

For one night only, celebrated Master Chef André Soltner will re-create the legendary menu and incomparable dining experience that was Lutèce. Savor an unforgettable selection of wines expertly paired with his award-winning cuisine, and enjoy dessert by Master Pastry Chef Jacques Torres and a live auction conducted by Lydia Fenet of Christie’s.
André Soltner  
**guest chef**

Chef André Soltner was America’s first “superstar” chef. He began his career at the age of 15 at the Hôtel du Parc in Mulhouse, in his native Alsace, France, but rose to real fame as the chef-owner of New York City’s legendary Lutèce, which achieved a four-star rating from *The New York Times*. Chef Soltner has received more than 25 awards, including the prestigious Meilleurs Ouvriers de France, Officier du Mérite National, Chevalier du Mérite Agricole, James Beard Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award, and, most recently, Légion d’Honneur. He is the co-author of *The Lutèce Cookbook*. In Alsace, a statue has been erected in gratitude for his success in popularizing the great wines of the region. Chef Soltner has served for more than 20 years as Délégué Général of the Master Chefs of France. Since 1995 he has also served as Dean of Classic Studies for The International Culinary Center.

Jacques Torres  
**guest chef**

Fondly referred to as Mr. Chocolate, Chef Jacques Torres is a master pastry chef and an authority on all things related to chocolate. In 2000, he fulfilled his American dream, opening his first chocolate factory, Jacques Torres Chocolate, to critical acclaim. Chef Torres has been recognized with numerous awards, including the prestigious Meilleur Ouvrier de France Pâtissier medal. He was the youngest chef to earn this distinction.
Lutèce

Opening in February 1961 at 249 East 50th Street in New York City, Lutèce defined the very essence of fine cuisine and elegant dining. Beloved by foodists and frequented by dignitaries, celebrities, and New York Society, it was, under chef-owner André Soltner’s master hand and watchful eye, the vanguard ushering in an appreciation for classic cuisine that was heretofore virtually unknown in the United States. Julia Child and a panel of food critics proclaimed Lutèce the best restaurant in the United States, a rank it also held in the Zagat’s survey for six consecutive years. Chef Soltner famously missed just five days in his 34 years at the helm of the renowned four-star landmark institution. He sold his interest in the restaurant in 1994, and Lutèce finally closed its doors on February 14, 2004.

Scott Carney, MS, wine director

Guest Sommeliers

David Autry, Wine Director and Sommelier, Aretsky’s Patroon
Joe Campanale, Beverage Director and Partner, Epicurean Management
André Compeyre, Chef Sommelier, Benoit
Olivier Flosse, Wine and Beverage Director, (MARC) US
Jason Jacobit, Sommelier, Tribeca Grill
Pascaline Lepeltier, Sommelier, Rouge Tomate
Thomas Pastuszak, Wine Director, The NoMad Hotel
John Ragan, MS, Wine Director, Union Square Hospitality Group
Jonela Ruka, Sommelier, Bouley
Jeffrey Taylor, Head Sommelier, Eleven Madison Park
(List in Formation)

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