



La STANZA
— *at Labriola* —

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LABRIOLA RESTAURANTS ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF
Introduces La Stanza Ristorante at Labriola Chicago with Michigan Ave
Extravaganza

CHICAGO (SEPTEMBER 25, 2015) – Rich Labriola, founder of DOUGHBOY RESTAURANT GROUP, is thrilled to announce the appointment of Chris Macchia as the group’s new Executive Chef. Macchia will impact the output from the kitchens behind the majority of DOUGHBOY’s properties, including: Labriola Bakery & Café in Oak Brook, Labriola Chicago (a micro food hall that encompasses the newly named La Stanza Ristorante) and Pizza Barra. With over 15 years of experience, including Executive Chef positions at Coco Pazzo and The Florentine at the JW Marriot Hotel, Macchia’s resume has prepared him well for his new responsibilities.

Macchia’s vision has driven some enhancements to La Stanza at Labriola Chicago, located on the Grand Avenue Overpass at 535 North Michigan Avenue. Formerly known as the ‘Ristorante’ in the food hall, the beautifully appointed and classically designed dining room has been given its own identity. “La Stanza” is Italian for “The Room”. Under Macchia’s guidance, the restaurant’s menu has been expanded and updated, and includes authentic pasta recipes, such as old-country favorites like Pappardelle, a house-made pasta dish tossed in a made from scratch Ragu Bolognese. The menu also features its signature Berkshire pork shank and other delights, including Chicken Saltimbocca and a delectable Ligurian Fisherman’s Stew.

“La Stanza is a neighborhood restaurant that is secluded and refined with classic Italian dishes that are familiar, but more amazing than you remember,” says Rich

Labriola. “The wine list is impressive and approachable, and the craft cocktails from master mixologist, Daniel Casteel, are second-to-none. We want our customers to leave knowing they’ve experienced the best of Italy and Chicago in one visit.”

To celebrate Macchia’s promotion and the introduction of La Stanza, Labriola Chicago is hosting a twelve-hour-long outdoor extravaganza on Pioneer Court at 401 North Michigan Avenue (between the Chicago River Bridge and The Tribune building).

401 North Michigan Avenue Extravaganza on October 1

- Morning coffee and donuts from Stan’s will be served from 8AM-10AM.
- Mini baguettes will be available from 11:30AM until they run out.
- Photo opportunities with *Bella Regazza* models dressed in vintage 1950s Italian Beat Generation fashion throughout the day.
- Mystery gift envelopes that will be handed out to passers-by – prizes include a chef’s dinner with Chris Macchia, complimentary drinks and menu items, discounts and more.

About Labriola Chicago

Labriola Chicago is a micro food hall with a variety of options for dining, drinking and take-out. The venue houses an elegant full-service restaurant and private event space (La Stanza at Labriola) with seasonal outdoor seating for lunch and dinner, a cocktail lounge (The Bar at Labriola) that serves food from the restaurant, a bakery and a café (the Café and Bakery at Labriola) that sells baked goods, including Stan’s Donuts, and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with a Neapolitan-style pizza kitchen that services La Stanza along with the bar and café. Visit lastanzachicago.com for more information.

Hours:

La Stanza at Labriola Chicago:

Monday–Thursday 11:00AM–10PM; the bar is open until 11PM; Friday–Saturday 11:00AM–11PM; the bar is open until midnight; Sunday 11AM-10PM.

The Cafe:

7AM–10:00 PM on weekdays, and from 8AM–10PM on Saturdays and Sundays.

About La Stanza

La Stanza, the back room ristorante at Labriola Chicago, is a place where time stands still. The room is sequestered from the everyday, the ambiance is classic Italian. The service is traditional, the white tablecloths are old school, and the experience is unpretentious. La Stanza is a place to sip classic and contemporary cocktails, enjoy the city’s best classic Italian food, savor amazing wines, re-connect with friends and colleagues, and to explore the possibilities that new relationships bring. Visit lastanzachicago.com for more information.