

Moxie Named One of the Best Places to Eat in America in Gourmet Magazine's October 2004 Issue

(Beachwood, OH) – September 29, 2004 – Moxie, The Restaurant, in Beachwood, Ohio received high honors in *Gourmet Magazine's* October issue. In its annual Restaurant Guide, *Gourmet* touted Moxie as one of the best places to eat in America right now. *Gourmet* states: "With a name like Moxie, you'd expect this restaurant to come out swinging. And it does ..."

Gourmet 2004 Restaurant Guide, an annual pullout section inside the October issue, lists restaurants in 30 American cities that critics are most excited about. *Gourmet* food writers spent months visiting thousands of restaurants and they finally whittled down the list to 132 of which they believe to be best in the country. "As always, our standards have been rigorous...when *Gourmet* goes out to eat, we always pay for our meals and we never identify ourselves..." *Gourmet Magazine*.

According to *Gourmet* reviewers: "Jonathan Bennett's food is restrained and elegant.No effort appears to be made for Bennett, who actually produces his own cheeses, distills extract from vanilla beans and vodka, and keeps a sour-apple starter well-fed just to make croutons for one salad."

"It's great to be recognized by such a highly respected and credible national publication," said Brad Friedlander, co-owner of a family of restaurants including Moxie, Mom's Diner and what's sure to be a hit, Red, a Mediterranean Steak House slated to open November 15. "Since coming to Cleveland, Chef Jonathan Bennett has received rave reviews from customers and critics alike, and now he is bringing prestigious national recognition to our restaurant, and to our city," said Friedlander.

Moxie is an American bistro located in Beachwood, Ohio. The restaurant strikes a suitable balance between invention and convention, between the familiar and the unexpected. With Friedlander, whose zeal for perfection in the kitchen is exceeded only by his intense passion to please his guests, and Chef Bennett's beautifully orchestrated menu, Moxie has remained one of, if not *THE* best restaurant on the east side.

For more information on Moxie, its menu, or to make a reservation in the restaurant or private dining room, please call 216.831.5599 or visit our Web site at www.moxietherestaurant.com.

Moxie is located at 3355 Richmond Road, Beachwood, Ohio, 44122.

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