Myerberg Center - Cooking with Chef Alba

"SIDES FOR THE HOLIDAYS"



Soufflé di Patate

1 pound golden potatoes

2-3 ounces whole milk

2 ounces melted unsalted butter, more for ramekins

2 eggs, separate yolks and whites

Ground nutmeg

Salt and black pepper

Breadcrumbs

Small ramekins

- 1. Butter the ramekins and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Preheat oven to 350F.
- 2. Boil the potatoes starting from cold water, then peel them and pass them to the potato masher. Add the melted butter to the mashed potatoes.
- 3. Separate the yolks from the egg whites. Add the yolks to the potatoes; mix well. Add the milk, salt, pepper, and nutmeg and mix again.
- 4. Whip the egg whites until stiff. Gently incorporate them with gentle movements from bottom to top.
- 5. Fill ramekins with the potato mixture to about 2/3 of the way. Place them on a small baking sheet with water on the base of the oven. Bake the soufflés about 30 minutes. Do not open the oven during cooking!

What to prep ahead:

- Have all ingredients measured and ready on a tray
- Boil the potatoes ahead and cool

Tortino di Spinaci con Mozzarella

16 ounces baby spinach

2 eggs

6 ounces diced Mozzarella

Salt and black pepper

3 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese

Extra virgin olive oil

Breadcrumbs

- 1. Butter a baking dish and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Preheat oven to 400F.
- 2. In a skillet, sauté the spinach with a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil and a pinch of salt. Drain them well.
- 3. in a bowl beat the eggs, season them with a pinch of salt, pepper and 2 tablespoons of grated cheese. Add the diced mozzarella.
- 4. Place the spinach in the baking dish. Then pour the egg mixture over the spinach and finish with a good sprinkling of grated cheese. Bake about 15 minutes. Broil for 3-4 minutes.

What to prep ahead:

Have all ingredients measured and ready on a tray

Insalata Invernale

3-4 ounces green cabbage, thinly sliced

3-4 ounces purple cabbage, thinly sliced

2-3 tablespoons toasted peanuts

1 small fennel bulb, thinly slices

1 green apple, skin on and thinly sliced

1 red apple, skin on and thinly sliced

Dressing:

Extra virgin olive oil

Apple cider or white balsamic vinegar

salt and pepper

Honey or Maple syrup

- 1. In a large platter, arrange all the vegetables and apples in sections.
- 2. Make the dressing and taste for flavors. Drizzle dressing over the salad.
- 3. Add toasted peanuts.

What to prep ahead:

- Have all ingredients measured and ready on a tray
- Rince and dry all vegetables and fruit