



CULINARY STAVANGER08

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## **Culinary Stavanger kicks off**

**Culinary Stavanger08 – a 3-day international event dedicated to cuisine opened this morning in Stavanger, Norway.**

- Welcome to Norway, and welcome to Stavanger, the European Capital of Culture 2008. Norway is proud to host the prestigious culinary happenings that will take place in Stavanger, said the Mayor of Stavanger, Leif Johan Sevland. He opened Culinary Stavanger alongside Gunn Ovesen, CEO of Innovation Norway and Eivind Hellstrøm, President Bocuse d'Or Europe.

- This could not happen anywhere else in Norway than here in Stavanger. The eagerness of the region for the last twenty years to position itself as the food region in Norway has brought this event to the city. The Stavanger Region has a very important food production, both agriculture and seafood, said Hellstrøm.

Culinary Stavanger consists of three major events;

- Buffet, a trade show featuring products from all over Europe with a particularly exciting sommelier arena.
- Food for the Future, a conference organised by the European Capital of Culture Stavanger 2008 and the professional forum for food and drinks.
- Bocuse d'Or Europe 2008 organised by GL events – Sepelcom and Bocuse d'Or Norway.

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### **Culinary Stavanger 08**

Chefs, products and culinary trends will be at the heart of Culinary Stavanger 2008; a three-day international event dedicated to cuisine – featuring Bocuse d'Or 2008 as the main course.

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