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CORK'S SILVER PAIL DAIRY ICE CREAM SCOOPS TOP PRIZE AT BLAS NA hÉIREANN IRISH FOOD AND DRINK AWARDS

Silver Pail Dairy, a family run business located in Fermoy, Co.Cork has scooped the top prize at the Blas na hÉireann, National Irish Food and Drink awards at a ceremony in Dingle, Co. Kerry yesterday evening. The Cork producers were awarded the prestigious awards for their Supreme Truffle Fudge Ice Cream, available in SuperValu, which was judged to be the tastiest product, beating off hundreds of top food and drink producers from all over Ireland. Nikki Murphy of Silver Pail Ice Cream said "We are delighted on behalf our 60 fantastic staff to receive such an accolade for our hard work." The award was presented by leading industry expert Peter Ward in front of a packed room in Benners Hotel.

With thirty hotly contested categories, from cheese to chocolate and sausages to soup, pies and poultry, hundreds of producers gathered at the awards ceremony eager to find out if they had earned a gold, silver or bronze medal. Another top accolade, the award for best producer in a Gaeltacht area was won by Tairgi Feirme An Daingean for their semi hard cow's cheese.

The Blas na hÉireann Awards are the only Irish food awards that focus solely on taste, arguably the most important criteria for a food product, and the judging process, developed and overseen by the U.C.C Food Science Department is the most rigorous in the country. Chair of the Awards, Artie Clifford was delighted with the response to this year's awards commenting: "Once again we are proud to celebrate the outstanding foods and food producers from every corner of Ireland. At this time it is more important than ever to show support for local food producers and that is exactly what these homegrown awards highlight".

Thousands of visitors and locals flocked to Dingle today for the first day of the Dingle Peninsula Food and Drink Festival to get a taste of the finest food and drink the country has to offer. Highlights of the festival include the famous food trail taking place in 50 venues throughout Dingle, wine tastings, chefs demonstrations and a spectacular open air market showcasing the tastiest fare in Ireland. The festival runs until Sunday and promises to be the highlight of Ireland's culinary calendar.

*Note to the editor: A full list of the winners, the county they are from and the relevant contact details is listed below should you wish to contact any of the winners. The list of winners is also available on www.irishfoodawards.com.

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Irish Press Releases

BLAS NA hÉIREANN SUPREME CHAMPION:
SILVERPAIL SUPREME TRUFFLE FUDGE ICE CREAM
COUNTY: CORK
CONTACT: Nikki Murphy, 025 31466

GAELTACHT PRIZE: Tairgi Feirme An Daingean- semi hard Cow's cheese
County: Kerry
Contact: Tomas O Bruic, 066 9155218

Chocolate

GOLD Butlers chocolates - dark choc with orange and almond
County: Dublin
Contact : Aisling Walsh , 01 6710599

SILVER Butlers chocolates - white choc bar with mixed berries
County: Dublin
Contact: Aisling Walsh , 01 6710599

BRONZE Skelligs chr(38) Cocoa Bean Co. - Apricot Amareto
County: Kerry chr(38) Limerick
Contact: Colm Healy, 066 9479119

Confectionery

GOLD Lorge Chocolatier- Eucalyptus and honey nougat
County: Kerry
Contact : Benoit Lorge, 087 9917172

SILVER Mellas Fudge - chocolate fudge
County : Cork
Contact: Mella McAuley, 086 1595949

BRONZE Lorge Chocolatier- Orange blossom nougat
County: Kerry
Contact : Benoit Lorge, 087 9917172

Puddings and Desserts

GOLD Nibbles Food Emporium - Pear and almond tart
County: Cork
Contact: Eleanor Leahy, 087 9187184

SILVER Couverture Desserts- SQ Raspberry ripple bavarois cheesecake
County: Dublin
Contact: Celine Hayes, 087 8037149

Irish Press Releases

BRONZE The Foods of Athenry- Christmas Pudding

County: Galway

Contact: Siobhan Lawless, 091 848152

Yoghurts

GOLD Irish Yoghurts - -Aldi West cork indulgence yoghurt lemon curd

County: Cork

SILVER Irish Yoghurts - SuperValu Supreme Devon toffee Yoghurt

County: Cork

BRONZE Irish Yoghurts - Aldi Sp sel luxury layer yoghurt mixed flavours

County: Cork

Butter

GOLD Connacht Gold - Connacht gold garlic chr(38) herb butter

County: Sligo

Contact: John Byrne, 087 2886920

SILVER Connacht Gold - SQ Irish creamery butter

County: Sligo

Contact: John Byrne, 087 2886920

BRONZE Glenilen Farm- Handmade country butter

County: Cork

Contact: Alan Kingston, 086 8141091

Ice Cream

GOLD Silverpail - SuperValu Supreme truffle fudge ice cream

County: Cork

Contact: Nikki Murphy 02531466

SILVER Valentia Island - Valentia strawberry sorbet

County: Kerry

Contact: Joesph Daly, 087 2864653

BRONZE Burkes Ice Cream Farm - Belgian chocolate ice cream

County: Meath

Contact: Bernadette Burke, 087 9532656

Cheese

GOLD Glenstal Foods, Ltd - Aldi Sp sel Irish vintage red cheddar

County: Limerick

Contact: 061 386511

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SILVER Old Irish Creamery- Oak smoked Cheddar

County: Limerick

Contact: Pat Kinnane, 063 71209

BRONZE Wicklow Farmhouse Cheese Ltd. - St. Kevin

County: Wicklow

Contact: John Hempenstall, 0402 91713

Sausages and Black Pudding

GOLD Arthur Mallon Foods - SuperValu Supreme sausages

County: Monaghan

Contact: 047 83766

SILVER Superquinn - AIBP Nenagh sausages , leek and pepper

County: Tipperary

Contact: 067 3119

BRONZE McCarthys of Kanturk - Black Pudding

County: Cork

Contact: Jack Mc Carthy 029 50178

Cured Meats, Charcuterie chr(38) Bacon

GOLD Callan Bacon Co. - SQ 3 cheese marinated bacon loin

County: Kilkenny

Contact: 086 6000279

SILVER Oliver Carty Supreme Rashers dry cure -traditional

County: Roscommon

Contact: 090 640472

BRONZE Brady Family - Brady ham on the bone

County: Kildare

Contact: Eleanor Smyth 045 863650

Terrines/Pates

GOLD Connemara Fine Food - Turf chr(38) oak smoked pate

County: Galway

Contact: James Mc Geough, 086 3823212

SILVER On the Pigs Back - Pork chr(38) Plum Terrine

County: Cork

Contact: Isabelle Sheridan, 021 4617832

BRONZE Ballycarbery Fine Foods - Baked Salmon pate

County: Kerry

Contact: Darina Healy, 087 2302979

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Savoury Pies/ Quiche

GOLD Taste A Memory Foods - Lamb and feta cheese pastry

County: Cork

Contact: Anne Bradfield, 086 8682201

SILVER Taste A Memory Foods - Traditional beef pastry

County: Cork

Contact: Anne Bradfield, 086 8682201

BRONZE On the Pigs Back - Pork pie

County: Cork

Contact: Isabelle Sheridan, 021 4617832

Fish chr(38) Seafood

GOLD Burren Smokehouse - Burren smoked Irish salmon

County: Clare

Contact: Brigitta Hedin-Curtin, 087, 8224173

SILVER Shellfish De La Mer - SuperValu -crab claws

County: Cork

Contact: Richard Murphy 027 70461

BRONZE Dunns Seafare - SuperValu Supreme sel BBQ Pack

County: Dublin

Contact: Rory Morohan 01 8643100

Soups

GOLD The Just Food Company - Spicy Lentil

County: Cork

Contact: Deirdre Hilliard 086 3830011

SILVER Avondale -Supreme vine ripened tomato chr(38) Marscapone soup

County: Armagh

Contact: Philip Conway 0044 28 38341619

BRONZE The Just Food Company - Winter Minestrone

County: Cork

Contact: Deirdre Hilliard 086 3830011

Breads

GOLD ` Blazing Salads Bread Company - Organic Rosemary with Olive Oil

County: Dublin

Contact: Joe Fitzmaurice 087 2199338

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SILVER Tom's Bakery - Corn Bread

County: Cork

Contact: Tom Heuneburg

BRONZE Brosnan's - Eurospar Brown Loaf TIE

County: Cork

Contact: Pat Lynott

BRONZE: Blazing Salads Bread Company TIE

County: Dublin

Contact: Joe Fitzmaurice 087 2199338

Ready Meals

GOLD Bombay Pantry - Chicken Korma

County: Dublin

Contact: Yvette Fidgeon, 01 2557465

SILVER Dunhill - SuperValu Just cook Spicy chicken Tikka Masala

County: Waterford

Contact: 051 396807

BRONZE Country Crest - SQ Vegetable chr(38) pasta bake

County: Dublin

Contact: `Denise Cronje, 086 3825636

Diet, Functional chr(38) Health Foods

GOLD Minihans - Chocolate chr(38) Hazelnut Torte

County: Clare

Contact: Annette Minihan, 087 6755577

SILVER The Foods of Athenry - Spelt soda bread

County: Galway

Contact: Siobhan Lawless, 091 848152

BRONZE Continental Sausages - Gluten Free Beef Burger

County: Kerry

Contact: Armin Weise, 064 6633069

Fresh Meats

GOLD Carton Group - Corn-fed chicken/part bone-cheddar chr(38) wholegrain Mustard stuffing

County: Meath

Contact: Helena Murray, 042 9691149

SILVER AIBP Nenagh - Aldi Sp sel Angus fillet steak

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County: Tipperary
Contact: 067 31199

BRONZE Irish Country Meats - SQ ready to cook leg lamb mini roast-honey & Rosemary

County: Wexford
Contact: Sandra Sheridan, 053 9366300

Soft Drinks

GOLD Mulrines - SQ NFC apple juice

County: Donegal
Contact: John Bonner, 074 9131009

SILVER Mulrines - SuperValu Supreme apple juice

County: Donegal
Contact: John Bonner, 074 9131009

BRONZE Sunshine Juice, Ltd - Aldi - Sp Sel Fresh Squeezed Valencia Orange juice

County: Carlow
Contact: Paul Walshe 086 8109127

Vinegars chr(38) Dressings

GOLD Bia Blasta - Classic Vinaigrette

County: Louth
Contact: Boris and Clare Gloukhov, 042 9323950

SILVER Bia Blasta - Caesar dressing

County: Louth
Contact: Boris and Clare Gloukhov, 042 9323950

BRONZE Posh Nosh Catering - White balsamic dressing

County:Cork
Contact: Catherine Hickey, 086 8418599

Chutneys, Pickles and Condiments

GOLD The Just Food Company - Cucumber Pickle

County: Cork
Contact: Deirdre Hilliard 086 3830011

SILVER Follain Teo - SuperValu Supreme relish roasted pepper

County: Cork
Contact: Peadar, 026 45288

BRONZE Crossogue Preserves - Red pepper and chilli chutney

County: Tipperary

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Contact: Veronica Molloy, 0504 54416

Savory Sauces and Dips

GOLD Bombay Pantry - Tikka Masala (mild)

County: Dublin

Contact: Yvette Fidgeon, 01 2557465

SILVER Bia Blasta - Bang Bang Marinade

County: Louth

Contact: Boris and Clare Gloukhov, 042 9323950

BRONZE The Just Food Company - Sweet Chilli Hummus

County: Cork

Contact: Deirdre Hilliard, 086 3830011

Preserves, Conserves, Marmalade

GOLD Follain Teo- Raspberry jam

County: Cork

Contact: Peadar, 026 45288

SILVER Crossogue Preserves - Blackcurrant chr(38) Guinness jam

County: Tipperary

Contact: Veronica Molloy, 0504 54416

BRONZE Nature's Bounty - Ruby grapefruit marmalade

County: Limerick

Contact: Colette O'Farrell, 086 3936768

Honey

GOLD Healys Honey

County: Cork

Contact: Patrick Healy, 021 48 71 258

SILVER Mil Bhaile an Fherteaign

Sean O Liarlaithe

County : Kerry

Contact: 066 9156238

BRONZE Sunhill Natural Honey

County: Kerry

Contact: Pat Curran, 087 74440375

Cakes

GOLD Sam's Cookies - Sams cookies Christmas cake

County: Dublin

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Contact: Sammy Johnson, 087 2654468

SILVER Sally Mills- Carrot loaf

County: Limerick

Contact: David Mc Caffery, 086 8218746

BRONZE The Foods of Athenry - Chocolate chr(38) cream cheese brownie

County: Galway

Contact: Siobhan Lawless, 091 848152

Biscuits and Snacks

GOLD Sam's Cookies - SQ handmade butter chr(38) fresh lemon infused shortbread

County: Dublin

Contact: Sammy Johnson, 087 2654468

SILVER Sam's Cookies - SQ Handmade choc caramel shortbread

County: Dublin

Contact: Sammy Johnson, 087 2654468

BRONZE The Foods of Athenry - Vanilla cookie with dark choc chip

County: Galway

Contact: Siobhan Lawless, 091 848152

New Comers

GOLD Minihans Spanish style chicken parcel

County: Clare

Contact: Annette Minihan, 087 6755577

SILVER McConnells gourmet food- Smoked duck breast

County: Dublin

Contact: Aedamar Sweeney, 085 7111037

BRONZE Tairgi Feirme An Daingean- semi hard goats cheese

County: Kerry

Contact: Tomas O Bruic, 066 9155218

New Products

GOLD The Just Food Company - Brazil chr(38) Raisin Muesli

County: Cork

Contact: Deirdre Hilliard 086 3830011

SILVER The Porterhouse Brewery- Porterhouse plain porter

County: Dublin

Contact: Jim Flynn 01 6715715

Irish Press Releases

BRONZE Kestrel Foods - SQ luxury muesli
County: Tim Mc Vicker, 0044 48 38380934
Contact:

AIB Business Diversification Award

WINNER: Holy Cross Good Food - Bakery Products
County: Tipperary
Contact: Ann Marie Walsh 086 8246310