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## **October Benihana Chef's Special**

### *Hibachi Shrimp & Chicken for Two and Hibachi Tuna Steak for One*

**MIAMI, October 1, 2011** – Benihana Inc. (NASDAQ: BNHNA; BNHN), the nation's leading operator of Japanese theme and sushi restaurants, has announced the October Chef's Special, *Hibachi Shrimp & Chicken for Two*, a five-course feast for only \$36 and *Hibachi Tuna Steak for One*, five courses for just \$21.75.

October is the official start of sake brewing season, and what better way to celebrate than a dinner out at Benihana for a sampling of the the traditional Japanese "rice wine." Throughout the month, two guests can enjoy this Benihana teppanyaki treat of hibachi shrimp and chicken grilled with mushrooms and sesame seeds, Benihana onion soup, Benihana salad, hibachi shrimp appetizer, mushrooms, hibachi vegetables, homemade dipping sauces, steamed rice and Japanese hot green tea, a five-course meal for just \$36 (tax and gratuity excluded). For solo diners, the sesame crusted hibachi tuna steak special is paired with tomato, avocado and edamame in a white balsamic sauce, Benihana onion soup, Benihana salad, hibachi shrimp appetizer, homemade dipping sauces, steamed rice and Japanese hot green tea, a five-course meal for only \$21.75 (tax and gratuity excluded).

Enjoy either of the October Chef's Specials with one of Benihana's specialty drinks such as the refreshing Classic Saketini or Strawberry Sake Caipirinha. Or, try either special with a wine pairing - the *Hibachi Shrimp & Chicken for Two* with a glass of La Crema Chardonnay and the *Hibachi Tuna Steak for One* with a more traditional sake, such as the Shimizu No Mai "Pure Dawn."

Both Chef's Specials are available throughout the entire month of October. The *Hibachi Shrimp & Chicken for Two* will be offered at all Benihana restaurants in the United States with the exception of New York City and Hawaii. The *Hibachi Tuna Steak for One* will also be available at all Benihana restaurants other than Salt Lake City, New York City and Hawaii.

For more information about the October Chef's Special or to find a Benihana location, visit [www.benihana.com](http://www.benihana.com).

### **About Benihana**

Headquartered in Miami, Benihana Inc. (NASDAQ GS: BNHN, BNHNA) is the nation's leading operator of Japanese theme and sushi restaurants with 96 restaurants nationwide, including 63 Benihana restaurants, eight Haru sushi restaurants, and 25 RA Sushi restaurants. In addition, 18 franchised Benihana restaurants are operating in the United States, Latin America and the

Caribbean. To learn more about Benihana Inc. and its three restaurant concepts, please view the corporate video at [www.benihana.com/about/video](http://www.benihana.com/about/video).

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