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January Benihana Chef's Special *Hibachi Shrimp & Chicken for Two, Seafood Diablo for One*

MIAMI, Jan. 1, 2012 – Benihana Inc., the nation's leading operator of Japanese theme and sushi restaurants, has announced the January Chef's Specials, *Hibachi Shrimp & Chicken for Two*, a five-course feast for only \$36, and *Seafood Diablo for One*, five courses for just \$20.

Ring in the new year with a delicious meal served alongside Benihana's world-famous hibachi entertainment. Share the *Hibachi Shrimp & Chicken for Two*, grilled at the tabletop with mushroom and sesame seeds, or enjoy the *Seafood Diablo for One* with sea scallops, calamari, shrimp, assorted vegetables and Japanese udon noodles grilled in a homemade spicy sauce. Both Chef's Specials are served with Benihana's signature onion soup, Benihana salad, a hibachi shrimp appetizer, hibachi vegetables, homemade dipping sauces, steamed rice and Japanese hot green tea, offering balanced and flavorful five-course meals for only \$36 or \$20, respectively (tax and gratuity excluded).

Each of the January Chef's Specials comes with a perfect beverage pairing. Complement the *Hibachi Shrimp & Chicken for Two* with the flavors of pineapple, mango and papaya found in a bottle of Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay. Or experience the Kung Fu Girl Riesling's sweet and refreshing acidity, beautifully balancing the spiciness of the *Seafood Diablo for One*. If looking for a way to celebrate a new, healthier year, enjoy one of Benihana's three cocktails under 200 calories – Skinny Strawberry Mojito, Tea Blossom or Skinny Mango Martini.

This month, Benihana's Lounge Menu also highlights flavorful, lighter fare including the Iichiko Shochu, a low-calorie, crisp Japanese spirit that pairs excellently with the Shrimp Crunchy Roll—a masterfully crafted with shrimp tempura, avocado, cucumber, crab and tempura crumbs for only \$9. Or try a glass of the Kung Fu Girl Riesling with the Dinner Boat—a lighter meal that includes Benihana's onion soup, salad, edamame, California roll, hibachi shrimp on a skewer, colossal shrimp and chicken grilled in garlic butter, steamed rice and fresh fruit for only \$16.

The specials can be found at all Benihana restaurants in the United States, with the exception of Las Vegas and Hawaii.

For more information about the January Chef's Specials or to find a Benihana location and make a reservation today, visit www.benihana.com.

About Benihana

Headquartered in Miami, Benihana Inc. is the nation's leading operator of Japanese theme and sushi restaurants with 94 restaurants nationwide, including 62 Benihana restaurants, seven Haru sushi restaurants and 25 RA Sushi restaurants. In addition, 17 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.

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