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## **Benihana Brings World-Famous Dining Experience to Mall of America**

*Newest restaurant opening marks the third Benihana location in Minnesota*

**MIAMI, May 12, 2014** – Benihana, the nation's leading operator of Japanese theme and sushi restaurants, is proud to announce the opening of its newest location in the Mall of America on May 12. The restaurant will bring its world-famous teppanyaki tricks, delicious Japanese cuisine and unique dining experience to one of the most popular and unique malls in the world.

Guests will be able to take a break from shopping, dine and relax in the new 6,865-square-foot restaurant, which includes a sushi bar, cocktail lounge and expansive dining area. The restaurant's lounge and in-mall "patio" areas offer a casual atmosphere to enjoy Benihana's delicious cocktails and fresh sushi options. Guests looking for a unique and entertaining culinary experience can take a seat at one of the restaurant's 24 teppanyaki tables, where chefs will show off their world-famous hibachi tricks.

"The Mall of America is known for being a premier destination for entertainment and fun, making it the perfect fit for the Benihana brand," said Benihana CEO Steve Shelmon. "We are always looking for ways to bring our outstanding food and unique dining experience to new guests, and are extremely excited to announce the grand opening of our newest location."

Within the Mall of America, the restaurant will be located on the third level on South Avenue near Macy's.

Reservations are available online at [Benihana.com](http://Benihana.com) or by calling 952-594-6205.

### About Benihana

Headquartered in Miami, Benihana Inc. is the nation's leading operator of Japanese theme and sushi restaurants with 96 restaurants nationwide, including 64 Benihana restaurants, seven Haru sushi restaurants and 25 RA Sushi restaurants. In addition, 15 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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