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**Benihana Brings Iconic Dining Experience to Downtown Chicago**

*Newest Benihana restaurant located in John Hancock Center on Michigan Avenue*

**AVENTURA, FL, August 9, 2017** – Benihana, the nation’s leading operator of Japanese-inspired Teppanyaki and Sushi Restaurants, is excited to announce the opening of its newest Benihana Restaurant August 23, on the Concourse level at the foot of the John Hancock Center at 875 North Michigan Avenue (across from the landmark Water Tower).

To celebrate this grand opening, Benihana will donate 10 percent of first-day revenues to nearby Lurie Children’s Hospital and will host patients and their families prior to the opening.

“We are thrilled to return to historic downtown Chicago after 10 years,” said Benihana Chief Executive Officer and President Tom Baldwin. “At Benihana, we pride ourselves on ‘Creating Great Guest Memories’ and providing our guests with delicious food, warm and friendly service, and an atmosphere for every occasion and celebration. Our Benihana Restaurant will be a wonderful addition to Chicago, a city truly known for its incredible food scene. Downtown Chicago is the perfect spot for visitors and residents alike to enjoy the Benihana experience.”

Guests can enjoy the iconic Benihana dining experience at any one of 22 Teppanyaki tables. The restaurant also features a contemporary sushi bar, three private dining rooms, an inviting cocktail lounge and outdoor patio seating where guests can indulge in fresh sushi options and vibrant cocktails while enjoying the lively atmosphere of the Magnificent Mile. Additionally, guests can enjoy Benihana at home, the office or a special event with our To Go Menu.

Benihana is proud to welcome Chicago’s newest staff members to their family.

Starting August 23, the restaurant will be open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (Sunday 10 p.m.). Happy Hour is Monday through Friday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Reservations are available online at [Benihana.com](http://Benihana.com) or by calling (312) 780-3110.

**About Benihana**

Benihana Inc. is the nation’s leading operator of Japanese-inspired Teppanyaki and Sushi restaurants with more than 100 nationwide Benihana, Haru Sushi, RA Sushi and Samurai restaurants. Additionally, 10 franchised Benihana restaurants are operating throughout the United States, Caribbean, and Central and South America. To learn more about Benihana Inc. and its four brands, please view the corporate video at [www.benihana.com/about/company-video/](http://www.benihana.com/about/company-video/). To download the Benihana Sticker Pack, please visit <http://apple.co/2lml8Dg>.

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