



CPTV Celebrates Local Restaurants in *Eating CT* Premiering on Sunday, June 29 at 6 p.m. (Repeat Broadcast: Saturday, July 5 at 6 p.m.)

HARTFORD, Conn. (June 12, 2008) – The state of Connecticut is home to thousands of restaurants, and new establishments are opening every day. Connecticut Public Television (CPTV) explores the expanding Connecticut dining scene in the new series entitled *Eating CT*. Hosted by Jason Hawkins, a Connecticut native, each episode of *Eating CT* features a different Connecticut city, highlighting the city’s history, culture, and, of course, restaurants. *Eating CT* premieres Sunday, June 29 at 6 p.m. on CPTV.

“From Hartford to Stamford, we sample pizza, coffee, hamburgers and much more on the only television show devoted solely to Connecticut restaurants,” said Hawkins. “*Eating CT* provides the chance to learn about the great restaurants in your own backyard, and get behind-the-scenes stories and tricks from the chefs and restaurateurs themselves.”

Each half-hour episode features “Bonus Bites,” a segment that includes additional recommended restaurants, and the weekly “Culinary Quiz” trivia question, which offers viewers the chance to win fabulous prizes. *Eating CT* also features a companion website, EatingCT.com, which provides links to featured restaurants and allows viewers to participate in contests, provide feedback, and acquire information on show-related events. With beautifully shot video, compelling interviews, contemporary music and an interactive website, *Eating CT* is a high-quality virtual travel guide that will give viewers full access to the best eateries in the state.

In the debut episode of *Eating CT*, Hawkins takes a trip to the city of New Haven, where he visits Louis Lunch, allegedly the home of the hamburger, as well as Union League Café, the city’s premier French restaurant. He also visits city landmarks like Yale University and Toad’s Place music club – providing interesting historical trivia along the way.