

# STYLEWEEK ORANGECOUNTY®

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## **CELEBRITY MARIO LOPEZ JOINS STYLE WEEK ORANGE COUNTY® LINE-UP**

### **Lopez to Appear at Restaurant Rave; Part of Week of Fashion & Dining Events**

Irvine, California, September 20, 2011 – Actor, author and red carpet commentator **Mario Lopez** will co-host Restaurant Rave at [Style Week Orange County®](#) on October 6 at [Irvine Spectrum Center®](#). In a night foodies won't want to miss, Lopez will join celebrity chef and radio host **Jamie Gwen** to showcase the latest dining trends while he prepares a signature dish from his new book *Extra Lean Family*.

The festivities, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Giant Wheel Court at Irvine Spectrum Center, will open with the Immortals Lion Dance Troupe entertaining guests. In addition to a cooking demonstration by Mario Lopez and Jamie Gwen, chefs from new Irvine Spectrum Center restaurants Capital Seafood, Paul Martin's American Grill and CUCINA Enoteca will take the stage with cooking demonstrations and food sampling.

Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, also new to the center, will be on hand with a prize wheel for visitors to take a turn winning food and special offers. Food sampling will also be offered by other Irvine Spectrum Center restaurants including Chipotle, Dave & Buster's, Ruby's Diner, Veggie Grill and Red Robin.

Lopez will also greet fans and sign copies of his cookbooks, *Extra Lean* and *Extra Lean Family*. His first cookbook, *Extra Lean*, was a New York Times best seller and as a new father, Lopez wanted to write *Extra Lean Family* to teach families how to create healthy, balanced meals.

“Restaurant Rave is an exciting new component to the fourth annual Style Week Orange County, where award-winning cuisine will be highlighted and new restaurants will be showcased,” said Laura Davis, Senior Marketing Director for Regional Centers Fashion Island and Irvine Spectrum Center. “The event broadens the appeal of Style Week Orange County for fashionistas and foodies alike, and we are thrilled to have Mario Lopez join us and offer healthy tips and recipes from his new book, *Extra Lean Family*.”

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The fourth annual Style Week Orange County continues the tradition that Irvine Spectrum Center created, and for the first time, is expanding to Fashion Island in Newport Beach. The week-long celebration will showcase emerging designers and notable style makers, as well as fashion brands from Orange County. Two of America's top designers, Rachel Roy and David Meister, are part of this year's line-up, while past events have featured appearances by celebrity designer Lauren Conrad, Olympic medalist Gretchen Blieler, designer Adam Saaks, and red carpet gown designer and celebrity favorite Oday Shakar.

For more information on Style Week Orange County and a complete list of events as they are announced, please visit [www.StyleWeekOC.com](http://www.StyleWeekOC.com), or follow <http://twitter.com/FashionIsland> and <http://twitter.com/IrvineSpectrum>.

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