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She's Sleeping With Her Director

How Melissa McCarthy and Ben Falcone are tackling the business of comedy their own way

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Grabbing a poolside cabana at the Hacienda Beach Club is one way to beat the Palm Springs heat.

EAT-DRINK-STAY

Desert Beach Club Aims to Beat the Heat

Palm Springs' just-opened **Hacienda Cantina and Beach Club** is inspired by hotels that feature deejays by the pool, for swimming and grooving. But the twist here is that there's no hotel or deejay — just a pool, cabanas, lounge and restaurant. Goldenvoice's electronic music division, LED, programs the beats, and guests can swim, play bocce ball or sip cocktails near the fire pits and fountains, or rent a private event space during, say, Coachella or the Palm Springs Film Festival.

Eat: The chef hails from Santa Fe, so expect dishes like sea bass Veracruzana, chipotle pomegranate guacamole and duck confit tacos

Drink: 75 varieties of tequila help guests beat the 100-degree-plus summer heat. Sip a tequila-based cocktail like the South x Southwest, with lemon, Moscato d'Asti, bitters and rosemary, or a tangerine-mint margarita. ANDREA SEIKALY



Alexander Weiss was the 2013 "MasterChef Junior" champ

TATER TOT

Culinary Champ Scoffs at School Lunch Menu

If 2013 "MasterChef Junior" champ **Alexander Weiss**, who will return as a guest on the show's June 30 episode, had to eat only one meal for the rest of his life, it certainly wouldn't come from his school's cafeteria. Rather, his choice would be the meal that earned him the title — and $100,000 in prize money — on the Fox series finale: Pan-seared veal chop served over potato gnocchi with sage and shallot butter sauce. Or maybe a cut of steak, he adds. "It's so hard to choose because, you know, I don't like having the same thing too many ways," says Weiss, who will set sail Nov. 8-15 on the first-ever MasterChef Cruise in the Caribbean.

Unfortunately, when it comes to school-day edibles, the 14-year-old's sophisticated palate is often left wanting.

"I go to a private school, which provides lunches," he explains. "I don't really like them, but it is what it is. All my friends ask me, 'This is definitely not up to your standards, is it?'" MALINA SAVAL

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