



THE COCKTAIL TRAIN

## California State Railroad Museum Foundation Presents 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farm-to-Fork Cocktail Train *Recognized by Sunset Magazine in the "Best Train Experience" Category*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (July 27, 2016)** – Showcasing the rich history and deep connection between agriculture and the railroad, the California State Railroad Museum Foundation is proud to continue its Farm-to-Fork partnership with the Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau and offer The Cocktail Train on Sunday, September 25, 2016. The Foundation first presented the sell-out VIP experience in 2015, which was recognized as a finalist in *Sunset Magazine's* Travel Awards competition in the "Best Train Experience" category.

"We're very proud to offer such a unique train ride experience as part of the city's 'Farm-to-Fork' movement and we're thrilled our train ride was recognized by *Sunset Magazine* after our inaugural effort," said Cheryl Marcell, President & CEO of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. "This is the perfect time to celebrate the region's early history of agriculture and railroading when the Sacramento Southern Railroad was primarily used to transport pears, asparagus, celery, seeds and other agricultural products to markets from local Delta communities."

With one departure only on this very special evening, the all First Class Train departs from the Central Pacific Freight Depot in Old Sacramento at 6 p.m. After crossing Capitol Mall, guests will enjoy a leisurely ride along the Sacramento River levee as they delight in exquisite appetizers and beverages from The Firehouse, Ten 22 and District By Ten 22 prepared by Jay Veregge, Director of Culinary Operations for Harvego Restaurant Group, and his talented culinary team.

Cocktail Train guests can sit back and experience what first class was like during the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as developed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Uniformed stewards provide the finest service aboard three of the California State Railroad Museum's First Class cars: the beautifully restored 1920s *El Dorado*, the *French Quarter* that served the famed Southern Pacific "Sunset Limited" service and the *Audubon* that is appropriately named due to its hand-painted reproductions of bird illustrations by artist/naturalist John James Audubon. Two eye-catching locomotives will pull the VIP trains – Western Pacific No. 913 and Southern Pacific No. 6051 – both of which are classic streamlined locomotives representative of the first generation of diesel-electric locomotives.

Space is limited on The Farm-To-Fork Cocktail Train and tickets are on sale now. Train ride tickets cost \$100 per person (plus a nominal per ticket service fee) and all guests must be 21 or over. To purchase tickets aboard The Cocktail Train, please visit <https://www.californiarailroad.museum/>.

#### **About the California State Railroad Museum Foundation**

*The mission of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The Foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown, Calif. The Foundation and its board of directors is currently laying groundwork for a future California Railroad Technology Museum capital campaign proposed as part of the downtown Sacramento railyard development project. For more information, please visit [www.californiarailroad.museum](http://www.californiarailroad.museum)*

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