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Noodles & Company Celebrates the Return of Fan-Favorite Dish, Pasta Fresca

Thanks to popular demand, Noodles brings back original iteration of the classic dish to its chef-driven menu

BROOMFIELD, Colo., May 03, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Our guests asked; we listened. [Noodles & Company](#) (NASDAQ:NDLS), serving classic noodle and pasta dishes from around the world, today announced the return of its longtime fan-favorite dish, Pasta Fresca. Just in time for summer, this light and flavorful Noodles dish will be available nationwide as a permanent menu item.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/9e59f759-4937-412d-aecd-8291f0ef9876>

After a four-year hiatus and thousands of requests from customers, Pasta Fresca returns to its original recipe roots, featuring flavorful balsamic, olive oil and roasted garlic over penne pasta, tossed with fresh tomato and spinach and finished with Parmesan cheese.

Noodles & Company broke the news of the dish's pending return to fans via social media and in-restaurant teasers in the weeks leading up to its comeback. "Thank you for deciding to bring Pasta Fresca back!" writes Tiffany M., a loyal Noodles & Company customer, on Facebook. "It was my main favorite ... nothing came close to this one!"

"We listened to our guests, and as the saying goes, the customer is always right — you simply can't mess with a good thing. And we don't just have a good thing in the return of Pasta Fresca, we have a *great* thing," said Jonathan Tress, vice president of marketing at Noodles & Company. "From its high-quality, great-tasting ingredients to its passionate following among our loyal guests, we're excited to put Pasta Fresca back on our permanent menu."

Noodles & Company offers guests familiar and global flavors from around the world. Each dish is carefully handmade to guests' specifications, using only the freshest ingredients, including 14 fresh vegetables that are prepped throughout the day along with other high-quality ingredients including cage-free eggs; organic milk and tofu; and naturally raised pork, including bacon and meatballs.

For more information on Pasta Fresca, Noodles & Company or to find a location near you, please visit www.noodles.com.

About Noodles & Company

[Noodles & Company](#) is a fast-casual restaurant chain where its globally inspired dishes come together to create a [World Kitchen](#). Recognized previously by Parents magazine as a Top Family Friendly Restaurant and by Health magazine as one of America's Healthiest Fast Food Restaurants, Noodles & Company is a restaurant where Japanese Pan Noodles rest comfortably next to Penne Rosa and Wisconsin Mac & Cheese, but where world flavors don't end at just noodles. Inspired by some of the world's most celebrated flavor combinations, Noodles & Company's menu offers soups, salads and shareables. Noodles & Company makes everything fresh to order, just as you like it, using quality ingredients. Servers deliver dishes to the table, allowing guests to sit and relax or grab a quick bite. With more than 400 locations nationwide, from California to Connecticut, guests can find a location near them and tour the global menu by visiting www.noodles.com.

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