## \*Holiday Entertaining\*

## **Express Yourself With Delectable Espresso Creations**

(NAPSA)—Move over, hot chocolate, there's a new drink in town—a sophisticated quaff to heat up the holidays.

Made with Medaglia D'Oro Espresso, Caffé Torino is a sweet and steamy sip, rich with the flavors of chocolate and hazelnut. It can be a special ending to a holiday feast, or a magnificent accompaniment to a decadent dessert, such as Chocolate-Espresso Volcanoes. By using quality espresso as a base, these creations offer optimal taste for both coffee and chocolate lovers.

## Caffé Torino

- 2 oz. brewed Medaglia D'Oro Espresso
- 1 Tbsp. sweet ground chocolate and cocoa
- 2 tsp. hazelnut syrup
- 1 Tbsp. hazelnut liqueur Steamed milk with foam Shaved semisweet chocolate (for garnish) Sugar cubes (optional)

Variation: Almond syrup and Amaretto liqueur can be substituted for the hazelnut syrup and liqueur.

1. Combine espresso with ground chocolate and cocoa in a 6-ounce coffee cup. Stir until cocoa is dissolved. Add hazelnut syrup and liqueur and enough



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steamed milk to almost fill the cup. Stir until blended. Mound the cup with foam and sprinkle with shaved chocolate.

2. Serve with 2 sugar cubes for added sweetness, if desired. Makes 1 serving.

## Chocolate-Espresso Volcanoes

½ cup all-purpose flour

1/4 cup cocoa, sifted

3/4 tsp. baking powder

6 oz. semisweet chocolate, chopped

- 10 Tbsp. butter, softened ½ cup granulated sugar 3 large eggs
- 1½ Tbsp. Medaglia D'Oro Instant Espresso dissolved in 1 Tbsp. boiling water, cooled
  - 1 pt. white chocolate raspberry ice cream
- ½ pt. fresh raspberries for garnish Confectioner's sugar (for dusting)

Raspberry Sauce:

- 12 oz. bag of frozen, whole unsweetened raspberries, thawed
- 6 Tbsp. superfine sugar
- 1 Tbsp. raspberry liqueur (optional)
- 1. Spray six 6-ounce ramekins or custard cups with vegetable oil cooking spray.
- 2. Combine flour, cocoa and baking powder in small bowl. Stir with a whisk until blended and reserve. Melt chocolate in a small, heavy saucepan over low heat. Add butter and sugar and stir until smooth. Transfer mixture to a large bowl and, with an electric mixer at medium speed, beat in eggs, one at a time. Add espresso and reserved flour mixture. Continue beating until fully mixed. Raise mixer speed



Chocolate-Espresso Volcanoes are a sumptuous dessert with a coffee-flavored kick.

to high and beat mixture for 6 minutes more until thickened.

- 3. Pour even amounts of batter into prepared ramekins. Cover ramekins tightly with plastic wrap and freeze overnight, or up to 2 weeks ahead.
- 4. Approximately one hour before you want to serve, preheat oven to 375°F.
- 5. Meanwhile, prepare the Raspberry Sauce. Combine raspberries and sugar in food processor. Blend until smooth. Strain puree through a sieve to eliminate the seeds. Stir in raspberry liqueur, if desired, and reserve.
- 6. Remove ramekins from freezer and unwrap. Bake in oven 18 to 20 minutes until the sides are set but the center is still moist. Cool on wire rack for 5 minutes, then invert onto individual dessert plates. Let rest another 10 minutes and serve each one with a spoonful of Raspberry Sauce and a small scoop of ice cream. Garnish with fresh raspberries and dust with confectioner's sugar. Makes 6 servings.

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