Gastronomica: The Journal of Food & Culture Honored By Saveur and Utne Reader

University of California Press journal awarded Utne Independent Press Award for Social/Cultural Coverage and also appears in the annual Saveur 100.

Berkeley, California (PRWEB) January 15, 2008 -- University of California Press Journals + Digital Publishing is proud to announce that Gastronomica has won the 2007 Utne Independent Press Award in the Social-Cultural category. Described as "...a perennial pleasure to devour, as satisfying intellectually as it is visually," the journal was chosen for its commitment to examining unexplored & controversial topics within the world of food, the consistently high quality of its writing, and its sumptuous production values. A special issue on The Politics of Food (Volume 7, Issue 3) appeared in August 2007, featuring important articles on food production, consumption, and hunger. One article, Julie Guthman's "Can't Stomach it: how Michael Pollan et al. Made Me Want to Eat Cheetos," appeared in the January/February issue of Utne Reader.

Gastronomica also appears in the 2008 Saveur 100, the magazine's annual celebration of the best from the world of food. Saveur calls Gastronomica "Rarefied but unpretentious, each issue is an artfully curated collection of essays, poems, art, and journalistic reportage. Whether it's an article titled "Labor, Migration, and Social Justice in the Age of the Grape Boycott" or a tribute to the artist Vik Muniz's portraits of children rendered in sugar, Gastronomica's fare never fails to nourish us." Issue #108 of Saveur is available at newsstands now.

"I'm thrilled that both Utne and Saveur have recognized Gastronomica's aim to explore food as an important means of cultural and social expression," says Darra Goldstein, Editor-in-Chief, Gastronomica.

"Gastronomica has held a special place on our list since we launched the publication seven years ago" says Rebecca Simon, Director, University of California Press Journals + Digital Publishing. "We continue to believe, as we did then, that Gastronomica provides a vital forum for sharing ideas, provoking discussion, and encouraging thoughtful reflection on the history, literature, representation and cultural impact of food."

For more information about Gastronomica please visit www.gastronomica.org

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