

LAS VEGAS CONNECTION BY BART TORRES

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Rock & Rita's Hosting Nations International Flair Bartending Challenge

Rock & Rita's, the "Great American Party", a popular new dining and entertainment venue at Circus Circus is off to a good start with their hosting of the Nations International Flair Bartending Challenge, August 16-17. 50 internationally ranked competitors from nine countries will compete for \$25,000 in cash and prizes. Bartenders will flip, pour and create outlandish cocktail concoctions for the chance to win the first place title, \$10,000 in cash and the coveted NIFC Grand Champion Trophy. Registration and a meet-and-greet banquet for participants will take place on Sunday, August 15 at the Kahunaville pool at Treasure Island. Following the qualifying rounds that begin on August 16, eight finalists will be selected to challenge each other in the final rounds on August 17. The grand finale begins at 9 p.m. and is open to the public. Rock & Rita's is open daily with breakfast being served from 7 a.m.-11 a.m.; lunch from 11-4 and dinner available from 4 to 10 p.m. with late night dining also offered.