## **Midsummer Risotto**

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- 2 cups tomato juice
- 3 cups water or vegetable stock
- 1 vegetable bouillon cube
- 3 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 1 cup minced onions
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 ½ cups arborio rice
- 2 cups diced zucchini
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes
- 2 tbls chopped fresh basil
- ground black pepper to taste
  - Combine the tomato juice, water or stock, and bouillon cube in a pot and bring to a simmer.
  - Transfer 1 cup of the broth to a blender.
  - Add 1 ½ cups of the corn and puree` until smooth.
  - Stir the puree'd corn into the simmering broth.
  - Set aside the remaining corn kernels
  - In a separate heavy saucepan (preferably nonstick) combine the onions and the oil and saute' for about 5 minutes until softened.
  - Reduce the heat to medium-low.
  - Add the rice, stirring with a wooden spoon to avoid breaking the grains, until the rice is coated with oil.
  - Ladle about a cup of the broth into the rice and stir constantly for several minutes until the liquid has been absorbed.
  - Add the zucchini and another cup of broth.
  - Continue to stir frequently, adding a cup of broth every few minutes for the next 15 minutes until all of the broth has been added and the rice is tender but firm.
  - Add the reserved corn, salt, tomatoes, basil and pepper to taste
  - Cook for another minute or so and serve immediately.



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