RISOTTO WITH CORN, TOMATOES, AND BASIL

(adapted from Molly Stevens)

4 cups chicken broth (or vegetable stock)

1 cup roasted (or cooked) corn kernels

2 Tbs. olive oil

1 shallot, minced

1 cup arborio rice

1/3 cup dry white wine

1 cup halved cherry tomatoes

2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil

3 Tbs. basil leaves, coarsely chopped

salt and freshly ground black pepper

1/3 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

Heat the broth in a pot to a simmer and keep it covered, hot.

Heat the olive oil in a wide pan over medium heat. Add the shallot and cook, stirring occasionally for about 2 minutes. Add the rice and stir until the grains are well coated with the oil. Pour in the wine, stir, and cook until the wine is absorbed, about 1 minute.

Ladle in about 1-1/2 cups of the hot broth, and cook, stirring occasionally, until absorbed, 3 to 5 minutes. Continue adding broth in 1/2-cup increments, stirring and simmering until the liquid is absorbed each time, at intervals of about 3 to 5 minutes.

While the rice is simmering, combine the tomatoes, extra-virgin olive oil, and 2 Tbs. of the basil in a small bowl. Season with salt and pepper and set aside.

When the rice is starting to get tender (16-18 minutes cooking time) stir in the corn. Continue adding more stock and stirring until the rice is creamy but not mushy - 20 to 25 minutes total. Remove from the heat, fold in the Parmigiano and then the tomatobasil mixture. Top each serving with the remaining basil and serve.