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CHICAGO GOURMET ROCKS AROUND THE CITY
Ancillary Event Tickets on Sale Now

Turn up the volume on culinary harmony this fall with [Bon Appétit presents Chicago Gourmet!](#) To “amp” up for its 11th year, the nation’s favorite epicurean event is getting in the groove with seven chart topping ancillary events in addition to the Main Event and Grand Cru, September 29 - 30.

Attendees of the ancillary series will mingle with headlining chefs as they jam out to one-of-a-kind dinners, tastings and cocktail parties throughout the Windy City. The lineup includes chefs who have championed Chicago Gourmet since year one; new, emerging talent to watch; and both homegrown and national celebrity chefs who have become synonymous with the Chicago Gourmet experience.

Rock the Fork by celebrating all things food and music throughout the city with events on sale now including:

1. September 26, 7-10 p.m.: **Italian Feast on the Symphony Center Stage (\$225/person)** – Presented by [Performance Foodservice](#), this impressive feast features Italian favorites on the stunning Chicago Symphony Center Stage and will feature world-class chefs and musicians, creating a delicious and euphonious concerto throughout the evening. Courses will be composed by Italian favorites as **Tony Mantuano** and **Joe Flamm** (Spiaggia), **Fabio Viviani**

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(Siena Tavern), **Joe Sasto** (Cal Mare), **Tony Priolo** (Piccolo Sogno, Nonnina, Maillard Tavern), and **Federico Comacchio** (Coco Pazzo).

2. September 27, 6-9 p.m.: **Blues, Booze & Bites at River Roast (\$75/person)** – Chicago Gourmet brings the soul of the culinary world to the foodie stage every year. This year, chefs sing the blues center stage at River Roast with guitars, harmonicas and drums. Get your back-stage pass to see **John Hogan** (River Roast), **Tony Mantuano** (Spiaggia, Terzo Piano, River Roast), **Jeff Mauro** (Pork & Mindy's), **Bruce Kalman** (UNION, Knead and Co. Pasta Bar + Market) and **Cedric Harden** (River Roast) rock Chicago for one night only while enjoying bites and booze.
3. September 28, 12-2 p.m.: **Battle of the Masters (\$200/person)** – Join **Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits'** Master Sommelier Serafin Alvarado at **Swift & Sons** for the oenophile's trifecta – wines, cuisine and song. Nine master sommeliers and two masters of wine – some of whom include **Alpana Singh MS** (The Boarding House, Terra & Vine), **Joseph Spellman MS** (Justin Vineyards & Winery) and **Madeline Triffon MS** (Plum Market) – compete head-to-head as they pair both wine and song with delicious dishes.
4. September 28, 6-9 p.m.: **Hamburger Hop on the Harris Theater Rooftop (\$125/person)** – The annual burger bash, presented by **Buckhead Meat Chicago** and **Blue Moon Brewing Co.**, is back, this time with a boombox twist! In celebration of #FlashbackFriday, throwback jams will spin as chefs compete to be crowned Peoples' and Judges' champion. *Bon Appétit* magazine's Editor in Chief Adam Rapoport returns as the evening's host, alongside a panel of celebrity judges.
5. September 28, 9 p.m.-midnight: **Late Night Gourmet, presented by Chicago magazine at The Underground (\$50/person)** – Immediately following the Hamburger Hop, guests can groove their way over to acclaimed celebrity lair, The Underground, for bites, cocktails and DJ beats.

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6. September 29, 8-11 p.m.: **Global StrEATS on the Harris Theater Rooftop (\$85/person)** – Take a trip around the world, no passport required. Global flavors and sounds reign supreme with musical stylings from near and far coupled with international street fare created by chefs including **Rodelio Aglibot** (The Food Buddha), **Diana Davila Boldin** (Mi Tocaya Antojería), **Rohini Dey** (Vermilion), **Lorena García** (Chica Las Vegas, Lorena García Tapas, Lorena García Cocina), **Carlos Gaytán** (HA'), **Katsuji Tanabe** (Barrio), **Takashi Yagihashi** (Take Home Takashi, Tabo Noodles, Slurping Turtle), **Andrew Zimmerman** (Sepia, Proxi) and more.
7. September 30, 8:30-10:45 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: **Rise & Shine Gourmet at the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel (\$40/person)** – Presented by **Lifeway Foods**, guests can start their Sunday off with a professionally guided, energizing yoga session at a landmark property. First opened in 1893, the Chicago Athletic Association was painstakingly restored into a highly lauded, 21st century boutique hotel. Following each yoga session, guests can feed their soul (and their belly) with brunch bites and morning cocktails presented by Chicago's favorite chefs.

For more details and to buy tickets, visit chicagogourmet.org. Questions regarding ticket sales may be directed to info@chicagogourmet.org or (312) 380-4129.

Chicago Gourmet was founded by the [Illinois Restaurant Association](#) and is produced in partnership with title sponsor [Bon Appétit magazine](#) and presenting sponsor [Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits](#). In addition to drawing excitement for stellar chefs and the city's unmatched musical stylings, all Chicago Gourmet events are created with community in mind. Collectively, the event's programs benefit notable charities including the [Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation](#) (IRAEF) and [Pilot Light](#).

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ABOUT BON APPÉTIT PRESENTS CHICAGO GOURMET

Chicago Gourmet, the nation's premier culinary experience, returns September 26-30, 2018. Celebrating its eleventh year, Chicago Gourmet returns with a new theme – Rock the Fork – which celebrates two of Chicago's most beloved cultural attributes, food and music. The festival was created by the [Illinois Restaurant Association](#) to honor Chicago's culinary achievements and the creative vision of the chefs, Master Sommeliers, and wine-, spirit-, and beer-makers who participate. It also spotlights Chicago as an international culinary destination via its unparalleled epicurean talent. The event supports a range of charitable organizations every year, including the Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, Pilot Light and others. Chicago Gourmet is possible with the support of title sponsor Bon Appétit magazine and presenting sponsor Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits. For more information, please visit chicagogourmet.org and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

ABOUT BON APPÉTIT

Bon Appétit is where food and culture meet. The award-winning No. 1 food lifestyle brand covers food through the lens of cooking, fashion, travel, technology, design, and home. *Bon Appétit* has been named to *Advertising Age's* A-List for six consecutive years, including Magazine of the Year 2013 and 2017, and Brand of the Year 2015, and has been named to *Adweek's* Hot List every year since 2012, including Hottest Food Magazine in 2013 and 2017. Bon Appétit has also been nominated for 28 National Magazine Awards in the past six years, including wins in 2014 for General Excellence and Photography, and in 2017 for General Excellence. For more, visit www.bonappetit.com and follow the brand on [Instagram](#).

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ABOUT THE ILLINOIS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1914, the Illinois Restaurant Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, protecting, educating and improving the restaurant industry in Illinois. The IRA owns and produces [Chicago Gourmet](#) – the annual food and wine festival uniting hundreds of restaurants, chefs and beverage experts for a weekend filled with food and drink tastings, entertainment, cooking demonstrations, book signings, interactive seminars and more. The Association is also a proud co-host of the [James Beard Foundation Awards](#), which will be held in Chicago through 2021. For more information about the Illinois Restaurant Association, visit illinoisrestaurants.org and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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