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LIGHTS, CAMERA, NAPKIN! CHICAGO GOURMET RETURNS, READY TO ENTERTAIN
SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2019

Pre-Sale Tickets on sale Thursday, April 11 at 10 a.m. CST

(CHICAGO – APRIL 4, 2019) - Come September, the spotlight is on [Bon Appétit presents Chicago Gourmet](#). The nation's premier culinary festival celebrates all things food, drink and entertainment with a spirited 2019 theme – **Lights, Camera, Napkin!** – and is ready to show hungry fans exactly why “there’s no business like show business.” The highly anticipated **pre-sale opens Thursday, April 11 at 10 a.m. CST** at chicagogourmet.org.

Founded by the [Illinois Restaurant Association](#) and produced in partnership with title sponsor [Bon Appétit](#) and presenting sponsor [Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits](#), Chicago Gourmet's main event and exclusive Grand Cru, presented by UnitedHealthcare and Optum, returns to stunning Millennium Park, September 27-29. Ready to entertain with the best food, wine, spirits and top talent from around the country, Chicago Gourmet 2019 will not disappoint. Attendees can also expect a weekend of show-stopping ancillary events that champion this year's creative direction.

“We are so excited to celebrate Chicago Gourmet's 12th year with this new theme,” said Sam Toia, President and CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Association. “Chicago has always been a destination for world-class dining *and* entertainment – including theatre, comedy, film, television and much more. We look forward to bringing the city's entertainment scene and culinary world to life through an award-winning lineup of programming and events.”

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While supplies last, tickets for the Grand Tasting Main Event will be available at \$156 per person, per day, or \$288 per person for a Weekend Pass. This pricing represents a substantial savings over regularly priced tickets, which are \$195 per person per day, or \$310 per person for a Weekend Pass. ***(Regularly priced tickets will immediately become available as pre-sale tickets sell out.)***

Grand Cru tickets as well as gourmet travel packages with accommodations by [Hyatt Regency Chicago](#), [Langham Chicago](#) and [Fairmont Chicago](#) are also available beginning April 11.

Along with the Grand Tasting Main Event and popular mainstay events like Hamburger Hop, Late Night Gourmet and Rise & Shine Gourmet, Chicago Gourmet 2019 will feature additional events kicking off as early as Wednesday, September 25. With an A-list cast of culinary talent, the series will match up the city's leading chefs to showcase the best of Chicago food, wine and entertainment in iconic venues and unique locales. With a compelling script in place, this ancillary event series is sure to be a box office smash. Tickets will go on sale in June.

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

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ABOUT *BON APPÉTIT* PRESENTS CHICAGO GOURMET

Chicago Gourmet, the nation's premier culinary experience, returns September 25-29, 2019. Celebrating its 12th year, Chicago Gourmet returns with a spirited theme – Lights, Camera, Napkin! – celebrating all things food and entertainment. Chicago Gourmet 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* 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. As the leading arbiter of taste, its home-grown talent and tireless dedication to recipe testing separates it from the competition by miles. *Bon Appétit* has been named to Advertising Age's A-List for eight consecutive years, including Magazine of the Year 2013 and 2017, Brand of the Year 2015, and Digital and Video recognition in 2019, and has been named to Adweek's Hot List every year since 2012, including Hottest Food Magazine in 2013, 2017 and 2018. *Bon Appétit* has also been

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nominated for 32 National Magazine Awards in the past six years, including wins in 2014 for General Excellence and Photography, in 2017 for General Excellence, and in 2019 for Social Media. For more, visit www.bonappetit.com.

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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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