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Chicago Gourmet's Annual Online Auction OPENS TODAY

Bid on remarkable sports, entertainment and fine dining packages



CHICAGO (September 18, 2019) – Let the bidding begin! **Bon Appétit presents Chicago Gourmet's** annual online auction, **is going live TODAY, Wednesday, September 18 at 12:00 p.m. CST.** Featuring an impressive collection of wine and spirits curated by festival presenting sponsor **Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits** as well as dining experiences, sports and entertainment packages, and more, one hundred percent of proceeds from the auction benefit the **Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation**. The non-profit organization provides mentoring, job training and scholarships for the next generation of aspiring chefs and hospitality professionals.

With registration now open at BiddingForGood.com/ChicagoGourmetAuction, culinary enthusiasts can bid on an incredible lineup of experiences and packages, including:

Sold out Saturday. It's not too late to experience the culinary event of the year! Tickets to the Saturday Main Event and Grand Cru may be sold out, but the winner of this package will receive two tickets to both events. They'll rub

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elbows with their favorite chefs, experience cooking demos and seminars, all while enjoying the finest food and wine. **Value: \$950**

Beam Bourbon Trail. Take a trip for two on the Bourbon Trail with VIP visits to Jim Beam and Maker's Mark. Explore the distillery, meet the team behind some of the world's greatest bourbons and even dip your very own bottle of Maker's Mark to take home with you! **Value: \$1,000**

Night Out with the Blackhawks and Swift & Sons. Cheer the Chicago Blackhawks to another victory at the United Center! With this package, winners will receive four tickets to see the Hawks in amazing 100-level seats. Before the game, they'll dine out at Swift & Sons with a \$100 gift card. Swift and Sons is an American steakhouse located in the Fulton Market district, just down the road from the United Center. **Value: \$1,100**

Sunday Experience. Not only will winners receive two tickets to Sunday's Main Event, but they'll also sit front and center during the "Cover Songs" cooking demo with Chefs Stephanie Izard (Girl & The Goat, Little Goat, Duck Duck Goat, Carbra) and Jamie Bissonnette (Little Donkey, Coppa, Toro Restaurants). Additionally, they'll receive two cookbooks, one each of Izard's "Gather & Graze: 120 Favorite Recipes for Tasty Good Times" and Bissonnette's "The New Charcuterie Cookbook: Exceptional Cured Meats to Make and Serve at Home", and following the demo, they'll be first in line to get their cookbooks signed. **Value: \$750.**

California Cabernets. Share these prestigious California Cabernets with friends and family in your new Riedel glassware. With every bottle a true showstopper, it will be hard to pick the first one you open! Winners will receive a bottle of Faust Cabernet Sauvignon, Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon, Caymus "Special Selection" Cabernet Sauvignon, Chimney Rock Cabernet Sauvignon, Heitz Cellars "Martha's Vineyard" Cabernet Sauvignon, Nickel & Nickel "C.C. Ranch" Cabernet Sauvignon and four Riedel Overture red wine glasses. **Value: \$810**

An Evening at the Movies. The Chicago International Film Festival was started in 1964 by filmmaker and graphic artist Michael Kutza to provide an alternative to the commercial Hollywood movies that dominated the city's theaters. Seeking out the best in international cinema, the Festival has opened windows to a world of film previously or otherwise unavailable in Chicago. Winners of this package will receive two tickets to films and after parties throughout the Festival week of October 16th. **Value: \$475**

Registration and bidding are smartphone friendly. Those who register before 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 27 will be entered to win two Sunday passes to Chicago Gourmet 2020.

Bidding will be live on BiddingForGood.com/ChicagoGourmetAuction until 12:00 p.m. CST Wednesday, October 2.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit chicagogourmet.org and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). The official hashtags of Chicago Gourmet 2019 are #ChiGourmet and #LightsCameraNapkin.

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ABOUT BON APPÉTIT PRESENTS CHICAGO GOURMET

Chicago Gourmet, the nation's premier culinary experience, returns Sept. 24-29, 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, The Bayless Family Foundation "Stepping Stone" Grants and The 100 Club of Chicago. 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 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 2027. For more information about the Illinois Restaurant Association, visit illinoisrestaurants.org and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).