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LIGHTS, CAMERA, NAPKIN!
CHICAGO GOURMET ANNOUNCES 2019 SCHEDULE

Millennium Park Pulses with a Culinary and Entertainment-Themed Celebration



CHICAGO (August 23, 2019) – Live from the red carpet! Title sponsor **Bon Appétit**, presenting sponsor **Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits** and founding sponsor **Illinois Restaurant Association** have announced the complete starring lineup for the 12th annual **Chicago Gourmet**, taking place in Millennium Park **September 27-29, 2019**. With a theme of **Lights, Camera, Napkin!**, this year's larger-than-life festival shines a spotlight on the exciting connections between the culinary and entertainment worlds.

Since its 2008 inception, Chicago Gourmet has celebrated the city as a world-class epicurean destination, and this year is no exception. The A-list cast of celebrity chefs includes greats like **Rick Bayless, Andrew Zimmern, Stephanie Izard, Joe Flamm, Tony Mantuano, Lorena Garcia, Art Smith, Jeff Mauro, Sarah Grueneberg, Jose Garces, Jamie Bissonette, Diana Dávila, Jonathon Sawyer, Carrie Nahabedian, Kwame Onwuache, Masaharu Morimoto** and more – plus an impressive list of master sommeliers and leading spirits and beer experts.

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CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE COMPLETE 2019 LINEUP OF CHEFS, BEVERAGE EXPERTS, SPEAKERS, COOKING DEMOS, SEMINARS, BOOK SIGNINGS AND MORE!

In a program brimming with celebrity chefs, master sommeliers, interactive cooking demos, educational seminars, beverage tastings, book signings and food for miles, festival-goers should come hungry and ready to rub elbows with the stars they so often read about and see on the silver screen.

A sneak preview:

Food Sets the Stage

Chicago Gourmet provides an all-access pass to an array of culinary delights found in 14 tasting pavilions. From Hollywood to Bollywood – and everywhere in between – attendees can surrender their senses to global flavors beginning with Tasting Pavilions presented by Japan Information Center & Japan Airlines, Thai SELECT and U.S. Foods. Then, they'll continue the feast with Chairman's Reserve, Gordon Food Service, Mariano's, S. Rosen's, a division of Alpha Baking Co., Inc. and Martin's Famous Potato Rolls and Bread Pavilions, with tasty dishes at every turn. The Big Green Egg, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Supreme Lobster & Seafood Co. and the Gardens of the Galaxy Veggie Pavilions add to the A-list credits. Not to be outdone, Sam Adams "Brewing the American Dream" Pavilion promises refreshing bites and sips, and the sweets at the Keeping up with the Konfections Dessert Pavilion will earn a standing O.

A Walk in the (Wine) Clouds

Wine seminars at Chicago Gourmet are among attendees' most favorite attractions. This year, **Master Sommelier Serafin Alvarado** (Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits) has imagined engaging wine seminars led by renowned experts including **Hollywood & Wine: A Story in Every Glass, California! The King of Cabernet!, Ethnic Cuisines and the Wines they Love, Rosé: A Harmonious Affair** and more. With this lineup, it's no wonder Chicago Gourmet has landed on USA Today's 10Best Reader's Choice Annual Awards for Best Wine Festival!

Co-Starring Seminars

Head to the East Lawn for seminars and cocktail demos by star mixologists, including **Daniel de Oliveira** (Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits) who, along with **Stephen Halpin** (Patrón Spirits Company) will present Saturday seminar, **Crafted by You, Perfected by Patrón**. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the versatility of tequila as it anchors a range of craft cocktails.

Also on Saturday, **Alpana Singh** (MS, Terra & Vine, "Check, Please!") leads **A Celebration of South Asian Cuisine** with featured speakers **Yoshi Yamada** and **Zeeshan Shah** (Superkhana International), **Sujan Sarkar** (ROOH) and **Colleen Sen** (Author & Culinary Historian).

For an inspiring conversation on Sunday, stop by **The Road to a James Beard Award**, where **Donnie Madia** (One Off Hospitality), **Beverly Kim** (Parachute) and **Kevin Boehm** and **Rob Katz** (Boka Restaurant Group) will share their paths to attaining their highly coveted **James Beard Foundation Awards**. Or, pop over to **Mezcal: Agave's Rising Star**, featuring agave expert and author **Jay Schroeder** along with de Oliveira and **Carla Lalli Music** (*Bon Appétit*) as emcee.

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Grand Cru: The Musical!

At the exclusive **Grand Cru**, presented by **UnitedHealthcare**, guests will experience tastings of elite wines from around the world poured by leading wine talent from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the idyllic rooftop of the Harris Theater. In conjunction with this year's theme, decorated **Host Chef Tony Mantuano** has invited fellow superstar chefs to prepare tastings based on — fittingly — Tony Award Winning musicals. Guests will enjoy dishes inspired by Broadway classics including **Meg Galus'** take on "Avenue Q," **Ellen King's** "Hairspray" concept, **Andrew Zimmerman's** interpretation of "South Pacific," and more can't-miss creations.

Main Acts

Showcasing countless cuisines, traditional techniques, fun twists and playful banter, distinguished chefs will leave it all on the **Bon Appétit** Main Stage. **Bon Appétit** Editor-in-Chief **Adam Rapoport** and other **all-star emcees** guide the program with flair. The lineup includes:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Spaghetti Western**
Andrew Zimmern; Chef, TV Personality & Author
- 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pulp Fiction: Citrus & Ceviches**
Rick Bayless; Frontera Grill, Topolobampo, XOCO, Leña Brava, Cruz Blanca Cervecería
Jose Garces; Garces Group
- 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eat, Plate, Love**
Carrie Nahabedian; Brindille, Kostali
Bill Kim; Urbanbelly, The Table at Crate
- 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lost in Spice**
Michael Mina; Margeaux Brasserie, Petit Margeaux
Greg Biggers; Margeaux Brasserie, Petit Margeaux
- 4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tony Mantuano and His Three Sons**
Tony Mantuano; Spiaggia, Terzo Piano, River Roast, Maddon's Post
Joe Flamm; Spiaggia, Cafe Spiaggia, BRAVO Top Chef Season 15 Winner
Cedric Harden; River Roast
Aaron Thebault; Maddon's Post
- 5 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Cure, Cook, Re-Cook**
Jonathon Sawyer; The Greenhouse Tavern
Matthias Merges; Mordecai, Billy Sunday, Lucky Dorr, Old Irving Brewing Co.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m. The Chica Breakfast Club**

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Lorena Garcia; Lorena Garcia Cocina, Lorena Garcia Tapas, Chica
Art Smith; Blue Door Kitchen & Garden

- 1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.** **Suya Think You Can Dance?**
Kwame Onwuachi; Kith/Kin
- 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.** **Mission Impastable**
Sarah Grueneberg; Monteverde
Fabio Viviani; Siena Tavern, Bar Siena
- 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.** **The Old Man and the Tuna**
Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto; Morimoto Management
- 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.** **Cover Songs**
Jamie Bissonette; Little Donkey, Coppa, Toro Restaurants
Stephanie Izzard; Girl & the Goat, Little Goat, Duck Duck Goat, Cabra

The *Bon Appétit* Culinary Stage will also feature phenomenal chef talent all weekend, including **Jimmy Bannos** (Heaven on Seven), **Jimmy Bannos Jr.** (The Purple Pig, Piggie Smalls Gyro Shop), **Erling Wu-Bower** (Pacific Standard Time), **Alisha Elenz** (mfk.), **Laura Cheng** (Sun Wah, Sun Xien), **Thai Dang** (HaiSous, Cà Phê Dá), **John Manion** (El Che Steakhouse & Bar / La Sirena Clandestina), **Martial Noguier** (Bistronomic), **Zach Engel** (Galit) and others you simply need to see.

And There's More: Encore, Encore!

In addition to the Main Event and Grand Cru, Chicago Gourmet punctuates its glittering, 2019 program with eight red carpet-worthy **Encore Events** taking place citywide beginning September 24. Attendees will mingle with headlining chefs as they experience one-of-a-kind dinners, tastings, cocktail parties, entertaining performances and even yoga, including:

- Raise your Glass to Freedom: A Hamilton Exclusive hosted by Rick Bayless at CIBC Theatre
- "Take the Gun, Leave the Cannoli": Italian Feast presented by [Performance Foodservice](#) on the Odyssey Chicago River
- Jef Comedy Jam Hosted by Jeff Mauro at Theater on the Lake
- Battle of the Masters presented by Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits at Swift & Sons
- Hamburger Hop presented by [Buckhead Meat of Chicago](#) and [Blue Moon Brewing Co.](#) on the Harris Theater Rooftop
- Late Night Gourmet presented by [Chicago magazine](#) at Dance Studio VOL. 1
- The Big Chill(i): Gourmet Chili Cook-Off presented by [Illinois Beef Association](#) and [Iowa Beef Industry Council](#) on the Harris Theater Rooftop [hosted by Sarah Grueneberg](#)
- Rise & Shine Gourmet at Chicago Athletic Association Hotel

Applause for a Cause

Chicago Gourmet champions the community of which it is a part. A portion of the proceeds from the 2019 festival will support local non-profit organizations committed to a range of important causes. 2019 beneficiaries include:

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- [Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation](#), whose mission aims to educate, inspire and preserve the future of the hospitality industry;
- [The Bayless Family Foundation “Stepping Stone” Grants](#), which support established Chicago theatre organizations with a vision for institutional and artistic growth;
- [The 100 Club of Chicago](#), which provides for the families of first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty; and
- [Pilot Light](#), which helps children make healthier choices by connecting the lessons they learn in their classrooms to the foods they eat on their lunch trays, at home and in their communities.

The App is the Ticket!

The mobile app – your go-to guide for all things Chicago Gourmet – will be available for download in September.

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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**

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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](#).