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****MEDIA ALERT/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY****

**BON APPÉTIT PRESENTS CHICAGO GOURMET STARTS TODAY, KICKS OFF WITH
OPENING CEREMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCE**

WHO: [Bon Appétit presents Chicago Gourmet 2019](#)

WHAT: Chicago Gourmet, the nation's premier culinary event aimed at promoting Chicago's world-class culinary community, returns to Millennium Park September 28-29, 2019. In its twelfth year, the 2019 theme is Lights, Camera, Napkin, celebrating all things food and entertainment.

Chicago Gourmet is possible with the support of title sponsor **Bon Appétit** magazine and presenting sponsor [Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits](#). The event was created by the [Illinois Restaurant Association](#) to showcase Chicago as an international culinary destination.

Come see how Chicago chefs, mixologists and wine experts celebrate food all weekend long! Lights, camera, napkin!

WHEN: **Saturday, September 28, 2019, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

Press check-in opens at 11:00 a.m.

Press Conference begins at 11:30 a.m.

*****All photographers/REPORTERS must check-in at the Media Registration Tent, located just northeast of "The Bean" on the inner promenade. See enclosed map for reference.***

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**PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR
CHICAGO GOURMET'S MAIN EVENT:**

- **11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Press conference and opening ceremony.** Lights, Camera, Napkin! Join us for an exclusive champagne toast on the **Bon Appétit** Main Stage! Toasting to 12 years, hear remarks from Illinois Restaurant Association President & CEO **Sam Toia**, **Bon Appétit** magazine's Editor in Chief **Adam Rapoport**, Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of Illinois' **Dave Carini** and others. Capture photo opps and secure interviews with celebrity chefs, master sommeliers and key participants who will be onstage at that time.
- Throughout the day, enjoy cooking demonstrations on the **Bon Appétit Main Stage** and **Bon Appétit Culinary Stage**. Led by esteemed celebrity chefs throughout the day, headliners include:
 - Andrew Zimmern | Chef, TV Personality & Author
 - Rick Bayless | Frontera Restaurants
 - Michael Mina | Margeaux Brasserie
 - Joe Flamm | Spiaggia / BRAVO Top Chef Season 15 Winner
 - Jonathon Sawyer | The Greenhouse Tavern
 - And others!
- A spirited tent by title sponsor **Bon Appétit** magazine, filled with delicious eats, a live deejay, chefs and more!
- Hit the high notes at the **Grand Cru**, presented by UnitedHealthcare. Held on the Harris Theater rooftop from 2-4 p.m., experience expertly-curated selections unearthed by Master Sommelier **Serafin Alvarado** and presenting sponsor **Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits**. In conjunction with this year's Lights, Camera, Napkin! theme, lauded Host **Chef Tony Mantuano** (Spiaggia, Terzo Piano, River Roast, Maddon's Post) has invited fellow superstar chefs to prepare tastings based on — fittingly — Tony Award Winning Musicals.
- Interactive wine and cocktail seminars by presenting sponsor Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits in both the Choral Room and East Lawn areas. Seminar themes include **Hollywood & Wine: A Story in Every Glass**, **"L'Art de Vivre" by The Glass**, **Wine Chat: Talk Like a Pro, Shots! Shots! Shots!**, **Beer Got Your Tongue: Skip the Milk, Pair your Cookies with Beer**, and more!
- Rev up your engine and stop by the activation from **Cadillac**, the Official Vehicle of Chicago Gourmet, for an exclusive sneak-peek of Cadillac's first-of-its-kind 2020 **CT5-V** and the 2020 **XT6**. Not only will guests be able to learn more about these luxurious

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vehicles, they'll be given the star treatment with an unforgettable experience. In partnership with Chicagoland favorite, [Swirlz Cupcakes](#), Cadillac will introduce the "Cadillac Cupcake Corner," giving guests an opportunity to create their perfect cupcake.

- The **Chairman's Reserve Tasting Pavilion** will feature 10 Chicago chefs, including Matt Jergens of Upstairs at The Gwen, Carlos Gaytan of Tzucu, Andreas Tsakonas of Kinzie Chophouse, Alfredo Ramos of Bar Roma, and more serving up delicious dishes from around the city on the South Promenade. Also enjoy brews from countless renowned brewing companies!
- Stop by **The Fridges by RX Nut Butter** and explore what's inside. At this activation, guests can peek inside three different refrigerators, each filled with different meals from breakfast to dessert, all using RX Nut Butter.
- **Loacker** will transport Chicago Gourmet attendees to picturesque Italy with its interactive 3D cardboard glasses that will give attendees a 360-degree tour of Loacker headquarters and its home base in Italy while they sample the company's delicate cookies and confections.
- Check out the **Visit South Walton** tent where guests can meet Jim Shirley, one of Florida's leading chefs and restaurateurs. Here, they can sample his signature dish, Grits à Ya Ya. This delicious southern favorite will take guests' taste buds on a trip to the coast, and they'll leave wanting to plan their escape to one of South Walton's 16 beach neighborhoods.
- Take a break in the **Chef and Media Lounge** presented by **Choose Chicago**, offering Wi-Fi, charging stations, more food (if you have room!) and beverages by mixologist Jef Tate of Janitor's Closet (from 1-2:30 p.m.) and DJ Dodd of Broken Shaker (from 3-4:30 p.m.). Draft, post, upload and recharge before hitting the Tasting Pavilions for round two (or three)!
- Capture the star-studded moments of Chicago Gourmet at various Instagram-worthy photo opps and props throughout the Main Lawn!
- Hundreds of chefs, master sommeliers, renowned winemakers, premium spirit producers and others presenting their specialties.
- Thousands of attendees enjoying gourmet food, wine, beer and spirits throughout the park.



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- Sound bites with sponsors, event organizers, celebrity chefs, master sommeliers, mixologists, attendees and more!
- **8-11 p.m.:** Stop by **The Big Chill(i): Gourmet Chili Cook-Off** presented by [Illinois Beef Association](#) & [Iowa Beef Industry Council](#) on the [Harris Theater Rooftop](#). Hosted by Sarah Grueneberg (Monteverde), Chicago Gourmet will heat up for a star-studded chili competition. Join Jimmy Bannos (Heaven on Seven), Jimmy Bannos, Jr. (The Purple Pig, Piggie Smalls Gyro Shop), Abe Conlon (Fat Rice), Diana Dávila (Mi Tocaya Antojería), Carlos Gaytan (Tzucu, Tales of Carlos Gaytan), Cedric Harden (River Roast), Kevin Hickey (The Duck Inn), Kim Leali (One Off Hospitality), Jim and Kevin McDermott (Chicago Fire Department), Chris Pandel (Swift & Sons) and Jose Sosa (Gibsons Italia) as they pull out all the stops to see whose creation will reign supreme. Benefiting the **100 Club**, which provides for the families of first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty, this event will honor our firefighters and policemen who risk their lives each day.

The complete schedule is available at chicagogourmet.org and on the Chicago Gourmet app, available for iPhone and Android.