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

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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 today, September 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: **Main Event**

Sunday, September 29, 2019, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Press check-in opens at 12 p.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:**

- Cooking demonstrations on the Bon Appétit Main Stage and Bon Appétit Culinary Stage. Led by esteemed celebrity chefs throughout the day, headliners include:
 - Jernard Wells | Chef, Author and TV host
 - Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto | Morimoto Management
 - Stephanie Izard | Girl and the Goat
 - Art Smith | Blue Door Kitchen & Garden
 - Zach Engel | Galit
 - 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 Sothern Glazer's Wine and Spirits in both the Choral Room and East Lawn areas. Seminar themes include **Pop the Cork on a Sunday Funday!, Rosé, A Harmonious Affair, Ethnic Cuisines and the Wines They Love, The Road to a James Beard Award, Mezcal: Agave's Rising Star, The Most Famous Ginger of Them All**, 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 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

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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.
- 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 Chris McClish of Cherry Circle Room (1-2:30 p.m.) and Robert Shamblin, Jay Fenske and Kolin Juckins of BLVD (from 3-4:30 p.m.). Draft, post, upload and recharge before hitting the Tasting Pavilions for round two (or three)!
- At the **Mariano's Tasting Pavilion**, guests are invited to mix, mingle and taste dishes from the city's top chefs like Lamar Moore of The Swill Inn, Kevin Hickey of The Duck Inn, Michael Galen of Dusek's Board & Beer, Brian Jupiter of Frontier, and many more.
- Satisfy any craving at the **US Foods Tasting Pavilion** with restaurants like Tzucu, Mercadito, Tanta, Tavern on Rush, and many more.
- Get your seafood on at the ever-popular **Supreme Lobster and Seafood Co. Tasting Pavilion**, playing host to favorites like The Hampton Social, Coda di Volpe and Sunda.
- Be transported at the **Japan Tasting Pavilion**, featuring Arami, Naoki Sushi, Kamehachi and Yoshi's Cafe. No passport required!
- 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!

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