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JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION® ANNOUNCES 2023-2024 TASTE AMERICA CULINARY SERIES, PRESENTED BY CAPITAL ONE

The annual culinary series brings in an exceptional new lineup of TasteTwenty chefs—representing the best of Good Food for Good—launching in June 2023

NEW YORK, NY (May 18, 2023) - The [James Beard Foundation](#)® announces the 2023-2024 national [Taste America](#) culinary series, featuring an exceptional new lineup of **TasteTwenty chefs.** Presented by [Capital One](#), Taste America celebrates the chefs and local independent restaurants at the heart of their communities, bringing together chefs and food lovers for unique culinary experiences held in 20 cities across the United States.

This year's Taste America series will present an exciting new lineup of TasteTwenty chefs—20 chef teams from across the country working together to collaborate and champion the James Beard Foundation's mission of Good Food for Good®. Over the course of 20 events, Taste America will celebrate the richness and diversity of local food culture, while offering participants a window into the tastes, traditions, and innovations shaping American food today.

*"We are thrilled to announce our 2023-2024 Taste America lineup and TasteTwenty chefs," said **Siobhan Flaherty Haber, vice president of events at the James Beard Foundation**. "Our goal with the TasteTwenty is to really curate and feature some of the best in our industry who represent Good Food for Good — the ones to watch who are pushing American food culture forward, through the work they are doing in their restaurants, but also in and for their communities, and our broader food system. It is an honor to be able to share their stories on a national scale."*

The TasteTwenty chefs are leaders helping to shape the future of the culinary industry. Over the course of the year, the series will highlight the positive impact chefs have in their communities and the industry at-large. From investing in their workers to supporting local farms, showcasing quality ingredients or using their restaurant as a platform to advocate for meaningful change, and much more—this year's chefs have demonstrated a significant commitment to both their communities and craft.

Launching in June 2023 through March 2024, the lineup includes 16 intimate pop-up dinners, and four walk-around tastings with delicious bites from the TasteTwenty chefs. Guests attending pop-up dinners will enjoy a one-of-a-kind, multi-course menu with wine pairings and cocktails, resulting from a TasteTwenty host and visiting chef collaboration. The walk-around tastings will be an experience of a stellar lineup of local chefs preparing signature tastes from their

celebrated restaurants, alongside two national TasteTwenty chefs. Menus at all events promise to be a delicious evening benefiting the Foundation's industry-focused mission and programs.

Presenting the 2023-2024 Taste America event and TasteTwenty chef lineup:

- **July 20, 2023—Asheville, NC:** Dinner feat. Matt Caudle, *Cúrate*
- **July 25, 2023—Los Angeles, CA:** Dinner feat. Katianna & John Hong, *Yangban Society*
- **August 10, 2023—Denver, CO:** Dinner feat. Linda Hampsten Fox, *The Bindery*
- **August 17, 2023—Nashville, LO:** Dinner feat. Vivek Surti, *TAILOR*
- **September 13, 2023—Washington D.C.:** Dinner feat. Yuan Tang, *Rooster & Owl*
- **October 3, 2023—Portland, OR:** Dinner feat. Fatou Ouattara, *AKÂDI PDX*
- **October 17, 2023—Houston, TX:** Dinner feat. Christine Ha and Tony Nguyen, *Xin Chảo*
- **November 1, 2023—Seattle, WA:** Walk-Around Tasting feat. Melissa Miranda, *Musang*
- **November 8, 2023—Santa Fe, NM:** Dinner feat. Cristian Pontiggia, *Sassela*
- **November 2023—Boston, MA:** Dinner feat. Patricia Estorino, *Gustazo Cuban Kitchen & Bar*
- **November 2023—Miami, FL:** Walk-Around Tasting feat. Akino West, *Rosie's*
- **December 1, 2023—Honolulu, HI:** Dinner feat. Michelle Karr-Ueoka and Wade Ueoka, *MW Restaurant and Artizen by MW*
- **January 17, 2024—Kansas City, MO:** Dinner feat. Vaughn Good, *Fox and Pearl*
- **February 2024—San Francisco Bay Area, CA:** Walk-around Tasting feat. Anya El-Wattar, *Birch & Rye*
- **February 5, 2024—Phoenix, AZ:** Dinner feat. Rene Andrade and Derek Christensen, *Bacanora*
- **February 7, 2024—Chicago, IL:** Dinner feat. Rodolfo Cuadros, *Bloom Plant Based Kitchen*
- **February 2024—New York, NY:** Dinner feat. Ayo Balogun, *Dept of Culture*
- **March 2024—Philadelphia, PA:** Walk-Around Tasting feat. Jezabel Careaga, *Jezabel's*
- **March 6, 2024—San Antonio, TX:** Dinner feat. Jennifer Dobbertin, *Best Quality Daughter*
- **March 8, 2024—San Juan, PR:** Dinner feat. Juan José Cuevas Soto, *1919 Restaurant, Condado Vanderbilt Hotel*

Attending a Taste America event is a special opportunity to become part of the Foundation's vibrant and constantly growing national culinary community, comprising food lovers and industry

professionals alike. Proceeds from Taste America events benefit the James Beard Foundation's national impact programming in support of equity, sustainability, women's leadership, and a future where all can thrive for the culinary industry and beyond. A portion of the proceeds also go towards compensating participating chefs.

Tickets for the Taste America events taking place this summer are on sale now in Asheville, NC; Denver; Los Angeles; and Nashville, TN. For more information visit, jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica.

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- 2023-2024 TasteTwenty chef headshots [available here](#)

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