

2022 James Beard Awards

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JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE FOR THE 2022 AWARDS WEEKEND IN CHICAGO

The James Beard Foundation Media Awards Ceremony will be held in Chicago for the first time

At a Glance:

- The James Beard Foundation® announced today the full ceremony schedule for the 2022 James Beard Awards® presented by Capital One.
- The 2022 theme of this year's Awards is "Gather for Good," building on the Foundation's mantra of Good Food for Good.
- For the first time, the James Beard Media Awards ceremony will take place in Chicago.
- The host for the 2022 Media Awards ceremony on Saturday, June 11, 2022, is Lisa Ling, journalist, author, and host and Executive Producer of the new series *Take Out* on HBO Max. The ceremony will take place on the campus of Columbia College Chicago.
- The James Beard Foundation Leadership Awards ceremony and luncheon will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at The Dalcy in Chicago.
- The host of the Leadership Awards ceremony is author and activist Bryant Terry.
- The James Beard Restaurant and Chef Awards ceremony will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Lyric Opera of Chicago.
- The host of the 2022 Restaurant and Chef Awards ceremony is actor, chef, author, and executive producer at *Food & Wine* Magazine, Kwame Onwuachi.

NEW YORK, NY (March 3, 2022) – The James Beard Foundation® announced today the full ceremony schedule for the 2022 James Beard Awards® presented by Capital One. For the first time, all award ceremonies will be held in Chicago for an exciting weekend of events and opportunities to mingle with peers in the culinary industry and food media, from Saturday, June 11 through Monday, June 13. The theme of this year's Awards is "Gather for Good."

The James Beard Awards, considered to be among the nation's most prestigious honors, recognize exceptional talent in the culinary and food media industries, as well as a demonstrated commitment to racial and gender equity, community, sustainability, and a culture where all can thrive.

"We are truly excited to be holding the Awards again this year after two years of unrelenting challenge for our industry, and after a fundamental overhaul of the awards program," said Clare Reichenbach, Chief

Executive Officer, James Beard Foundation. *"This year's Awards offer a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community, look to the future and celebrate those leading the way."*

"The theme, Gather for Good, is inspired by our celebration of excellence, community, and gathering together with food as our common ground," said Dawn Padmore, Vice President of Awards, James Beard Foundation. *"We will strive to continue sharing stories that comprise our collective community,"* she adds.

"Capital One is thrilled to present the 2022 James Beard Awards and join the James Beard Foundation in its recognition of the best within the culinary industry," said Monica Weaver, Head of Branded Card Partnerships and Experiences at Capital One. *"Our newly launched Capital One Dining features a diverse group of James Beard Award-recognized chefs, and we are excited to continue to partner with JBF to deliver access to unforgettable culinary experiences to our customers."*

"It is an honor for Chicago to host the James Beard Foundation Awards," said Glenn Eden, Chair of the Choose Chicago Board of Directors. *"The theme, Gather for Good, is at the heart of what the culinary arts bring to the world and what makes Chicago such a special place. We look forward to celebrating with the Foundation and awardees in June."*

"Chicago's restaurant community is proud to welcome back America's great culinary leaders," said Sam Toia, President and CEO, Illinois Restaurant Association. *"This year, in particular, we are excited to gather everyone to recognize our industry's spirit of resilience and inclusion during the weekend-long culinary celebration."*

Kicking off the celebratory weekend on Saturday, June 11, 2022, is the James Beard Media Awards ceremony that will be hosted by Lisa Ling, journalist, author, and host and Executive Producer of the new series *Take Out* on HBO Max. The Media Awards will honor the nation's top cookbook authors, food and beverage broadcast producers, hosts, podcasters, and food journalists and will take place on the campus of Columbia College Chicago.

Festivities continue on Sunday, June 12, 2022, with the Leadership Awards ceremony and luncheon hosted by author and activist Bryant Terry. Taking place at The Dalcy in Chicago's West Loop, Terry, a 2015 James Beard Leadership Award Honoree® and Chef-In-Residence at the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) in San Francisco, will help recognize honorees who are creating a healthier safer, more equitable, and sustainable food system.

The James Beard Restaurant and Chef Awards ceremony, hosted by actor, chef, author, and executive producer at *Food & Wine* Magazine Kwame Onwuachi, will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. During the event, which is open to the public, awards for the Restaurant and Chef categories will be presented along with the special achievement awards of Humanitarian of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and America's Classics. Tickets will be available for purchase soon. Stay tuned for updates, which will be posted [here](#).

Restaurant and Chef Awards nominees, in addition to honorees for Leadership, Lifetime Achievement, and Humanitarian of the Year Awards will be revealed on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, in Scottsdale, AZ. Nominees for the James Beard Foundation Media Awards will be announced on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at an in-person event in New York City – this is the first time the Foundation is holding an event dedicated to the Media nominee announcement.

The 2022 James Beard Awards will be the first in two years, after a hiatus during which the Awards underwent a full [audit](#) of its policies and procedures, continuing the work to remove bias, increase transparency and accessibility, and making the program more aligned with the Foundation's mission and values. James Beard Awards policies and procedures can be viewed at jamesbeard.org/awards/policies.

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About the James Beard Awards

The James Beard Awards recognizes exceptional talent and achievement in the culinary arts, hospitality, media, and broader food system, as well as a demonstrated commitment to racial and gender equity, community, sustainability, and a culture where all can thrive. Established in 1990, the James Beard Awards are among the nation's most prestigious honors recognizing leaders in the culinary and food media industries. The Awards are overseen by the Awards Committee. Each Awards program (Books, Broadcast Media, Journalism, Leadership, and Restaurant and Chef) has its own subcommittee members who volunteer their time to oversee the policies, procedures, and selection of judges for their respective program. All James Beard Award winners receive a certificate and a medallion engraved with the James Beard Foundation Awards insignia. For more information, subscribe to the [Awards digital newsletter](#).

About the James Beard Foundation

The James Beard Foundation celebrates and supports the people behind America's food culture, while pushing for new standards in the restaurant industry to create a future where all have the opportunity to thrive. Established over 30 years ago, the Foundation has highlighted the centrality of food culture in our daily lives and is committed to supporting a resilient and flourishing industry that honors its diverse communities. By amplifying new voices, celebrating those leading the way, and supporting those on the path to do so, the Foundation is working to create a more equitable and sustainable future—what we call Good Food for Good™. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the James Beard Foundation launched the Open for Good campaign to ensure that independent restaurants not only survive, but that the industry is able to rebuild stronger than before. For more information, subscribe to the digital newsletter [Beard Bites](#) and follow @beardfoundation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [TikTok](#), and [Clubhouse](#). The James Beard Foundation is a national not-for-profit 501c(3) organization based in New York City.

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