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JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION TO HOST 2020 TASTE AMERICA SERIES PRESENTED BY CAPITAL ONE

Chefs from 20 Cities to Participate in Virtual Communal Dining Event on
October 18 to Celebrate Local Independent Restaurants and Build
Support for Industry Recovery

NEW YORK, NY (October 8, 2020) – Today the James Beard Foundation announced featured chefs, cities, and programming for its annual Taste America event. The 2020 Taste America event presented by Capital One will take place on Sunday, October 18 in 20 cities nationwide at 5 P.M. PT / 8 P.M. ET.

This year, in lieu of the usual in-person events, participating chefs, special guests, and diners from twenty cities around the country will come together for a virtual communal dinner to eat, celebrate local independent restaurants, and support efforts to rebuild a more sustainable and equitable industry. The special dinner and show enjoyed from the comfort of home will bring together thousands of chefs and food lovers on one special night.

Each event ticket includes a local chef-created three-course meal plus wine and whiskey to be enjoyed at home and access to a broadcast featuring a lineup of James Beard Foundation chefs and special guests from across the country. The broadcast will be emceed by Antonia Lofaso and will feature two roundtables featuring participating chefs listed below as well as special guests including: Carla Hall, Gail Simmons, and DJ Hesta Prynne who will curate music throughout the event. A round of trivia to test your food knowledge in your home city will also entertain and challenge participants.

Capital One cardholders have the exclusive opportunity to purchase a Capital One Access Pass that allows them to enjoy the three-course meal, wine and whiskey, and national

broadcast while also unlocking access to a VIP reception with their city's featured chef and Foundation host prior to showtime and a special gift.

Locally curated menus for each participating city can be viewed at <https://www.jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica>. Tickets and the Capital One Access Pass are \$150 and can be purchased at <https://www.jamesbeard.org/events>.

Through its Open for Good campaign, the Foundation is working to help the independent restaurant industry survive the COVID-19 crisis and come back stronger, more equitable, and more resilient. As part of this campaign, the Foundation recently announced the James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Investment Fund for Black and Indigenous Americans. The new grant initiative will provide financial resources for food or beverage businesses that are majority-owned by Black or Indigenous individuals, and will be highlighted in the broadcast. For information on the Foundation's Open for Good campaign, industry support resources, and the Investment Fund, please visit [jamesbeard.org/aboutopenforgood](https://www.jamesbeard.org/aboutopenforgood).

This year's 2020 Taste America participating chefs and cities who will appear in the broadcast include the following:

Atlanta

Deborah VanTrece
Twisted Soul Cookhouse & Pours

Boston

Irene Li
Mei Mei

Charleston

A. John-Carter
The Macintosh

Chicago

Carlos Gaytán
Tzucu

Dallas

Anastacia Quiñones-Pittman
José

Denver

Alex Seidel
Mercantile dining & provision

Houston

Chris Williams
Lucille's

Kansas City, MO

Sheila Lucero and Michael Corvino
Jax Fish House & Oyster Bar and Corvino Supper Club & Tasting Room

Los Angeles

Bricia Lopez and Edgar Santiago
Guelaguetza

Louisville

Bruce Ucan
Mayan Café

Miami

Niven Patel
Mamey Miami

Minneapolis

Jamie Malone
Grand Café

Nashville

Julia Sullivan
Henrietta Red

New Orleans

Kelly Fields
Willa Jean

Philadelphia

Jennifer Carroll and Billy Riddle
Spice Finch

Phoenix

Danielle Leoni
The Breadfruit & Rum Bar

Portland, OR

Bonnie Morales
Kachka

San Francisco

Brandon Jew
Mister Jiu's

Seattle

Jason Wilson
The Lakehouse

Washington, D.C.

Erik Bruner-Yang
Maketto

The James Beard Foundation's Taste America is presented by Capital One, the official credit card and banking partner of the James Beard Foundation. Through this first-of-its-kind partnership, Capital One cardholders enjoy exclusive access to James Beard Foundation programming. Taste America is also presented in association with American Airlines, the official airline of the James Beard Foundation and the following partners: Premier Sponsors: Deloitte, Rabbit Hole Distillery; Supporting Sponsors: Kerrygold USA, Whole Foods Market; Patron Sponsors: Cayson, Choose Chicago, dough Wines, McCormick, Upserve and Founding Partner Bowen & Company. Additional support for Taste America is provided by VerTerra Dinnerware and Placon®. Intersport is the Official Broadcast Partner of the James Beard Foundation's Taste America.

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About the James Beard Foundation

The James Beard Foundation promotes Good Food For Good™. For more than 30 years, the James Beard Foundation has highlighted the centrality of food culture in our daily lives. Through the variety of industry programs that educate and empower leaders in our community, the Foundation has asserted the power of food to drive behavior, culture, and policy change. The organization is committed to giving chefs a voice and the tools they need to make the world more sustainable, equitable, and delicious for everyone. 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, and TikTok. The James Beard Foundation is a national not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization based in New York City.

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