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JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION® TASTE AMERICA CULINARY  
SERIES RETURNS TO NEW YORK CITY

*TasteTwenty NYC Chef Shenarri Freeman of Cadence and  
Visiting Chef Forough Vakili of Le Bon Nosh will host  
Taste America: New York City on September 14*

**NEW YORK, NY (August 25, 2022) – The [James Beard Foundation](https://jamesbeard.org)® announces [Taste America's](https://jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica) return to New York City with a walk-around tasting event featuring delicious bites from the city's culinary community and beyond on September 14, 2022 at 6:00PM at Tribeca 360°. Presented by [Capital One](https://capitalone.com), the Taste America series celebrates the local independent restaurants at the heart of our communities, bringing together chefs and food lovers for unique culinary experiences across 20 U.S. cities. Proceeds from Taste America events benefit the featured chefs to support their businesses, as well as James Beard Foundation's national programming that is rooted in advocacy, racial equity, sustainability, and women's leadership for the culinary industry. **Tickets for Taste America New York City are on sale now at [jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica](https://jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica).****

**Now in its 10th season, Taste America takes on expanded shape with the TasteTwenty—a group of 20 chef teams from 20 cities across the country working together and championing the James Beard Foundation's mission of *Good Food for Good*®. The culinary series highlights the richness and diversity of local food culture in cities across America, while spotlighting chefs who are uniquely aligned to the Foundation's mission. In addition, to celebrate national community, host and visiting chefs are paired together for a chance to innovate and collaborate.**

The chefs selected to participate in this year's Taste America culinary series demonstrate a meaningful commitment to their communities and an investment in making the industry more equitable and sustainable. From investing in local purveyors to supporting local farmers, sourcing quality ingredients, representing diverse cuisines, or using their restaurant as a platform for underrepresented groups—this year's TasteTwenty cohort are leaders helping to shape the future of the culinary industry across America.

On September 14, Taste America New York City will feature a walk-around tasting of mouthwatering food and beverage stations at Tribeca 360°—an unforgettable venue offering stunning views overlooking Manhattan and the Hudson River. The event features TasteTwenty host chef **Shenarri Freeman** of *Cadence* in NYC and TasteTwenty visiting chef **Forough Vakili** of *Le Bon Nosh* in Atlanta. Additional featured participants include:

- **Mary Attea** and **Camari Mick** of *The Musket Room* in NYC
- **Connie Chung** of *Milu* in NYC
- **Adam Montgomerie** of *Hawksmoor* in NYC
- **Becky Pendola** of *Virtue Restaurant* in Chicago (presented by Choose Chicago)
- **Ali Saboor** of *Eyval* in Brooklyn, NY
- **Eric See** of *Ursula* in Brooklyn, NY
- **Ed Szymanski** and **Patricia Howard** of *Dame* in NYC
- **Hong Thaimée** of *Thaimée Love* in NYC

Each station's food/beverage offering will reflect their signature style and highlight the uniqueness of their restaurant and community. The tasting will also have food/beverage stations and other activations from national and local sponsors.

*"The James Beard Foundation is thrilled to bring together such an exceptional group of chefs in the New York City culinary community for our 10th iteration of Taste America. We're looking forward to celebrating these talented chefs and highlighting their unique stories, culinary creativity, and work in their communities," said **Siobhan Flaherty Haber**, vice president of events at the James Beard Foundation.*

**Tickets for Taste America New York City are now on sale.** A limited number of Premier tickets are available for purchase that provide early access and special offerings to the tasting during the first hour. **For more information visit:** [jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica](https://jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica).

The James Beard Foundation® is a 501c3 nonprofit whose mission is to celebrate, support, and elevate the people behind America's food culture and champion a standard of good food anchored in talent, equity, and sustainability. For more information on the Foundation's programs and initiatives, please visit [jamesbeard.org](https://jamesbeard.org).

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 supported by Premier Sponsors: American Airlines, the official airline of the James Beard Foundation, Deloitte; Supporting Sponsors: 1800® Tequila, Kerrygold USA; Patron Sponsors: Choose Chicago, the Illinois Restaurant Association; with Additional Support from: Côtes du Rhône, McCormick, Mountain Valley Spring Water, VerTerra Dinnerware, Windstar Cruises, the official cruise line of the James Beard Foundation; and Founding Partner:

Bowen & Company. Local partners include: Château d'Esclans. Special thanks to Calvisius Caviar, Oysters XO, and Urbani Truffles USA.

***The Taste America sizzle reel, as well as photos of TasteTwenty host chef Shenarrie Freeman and visting chef Forough Vakili can be found [here](#).***

### **About the James Beard Foundation**

The James Beard Foundation (JBF) 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 can 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 501c3 non-profit organization, JBF brings its mission to life through annual Awards, industry and community-focused initiatives and programs, advocacy, and events. Current programs include the **Open for Good Campaign**, **Chef's Bootcamp for Policy and Change**, **Beard House Fellows**, **Legacy Network**, **Scholarship Programs**, **Smart Catch**, and **Women's Leadership Programs**. In addition, JBF celebrates the chefs and local independent restaurants at the heart of our communities with numerous events and partnerships nationwide throughout the year—including the **Taste America** culinary tour, **JBF Greens** events for foodies under 40, the soon-to-open **Pier 57 Market Hall**, food festivals, and more.

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