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## **JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION TO HOST WINTER 2022 TASTE AMERICA® CULINARY SERIES PRESENTED BY CAPITAL ONE**

**Chefs from 18 Cities to Participate in Winter 2022 Dinner Series to  
Celebrate Local Independent Restaurants and Build Support for  
Industry Recovery**

**NEW YORK, NY (November 30, 2021)** – The James Beard Foundation announces featured chefs, cities, and programming for the continuation of its Taste America culinary series. Kicking off on Tuesday, January 11 in Boston, the winter 2022 series, presented by Capital One, will feature a lineup of dining events in 18 cities nationwide including San Juan, Puerto Rico.

For this winter's Taste America series, the James Beard Foundation is excited to bring chefs and diners back together to safely celebrate local independent restaurants in-person, and support efforts to rebuild a more sustainable and equitable industry. 65% of all tickets sold will go directly to the participating chefs' restaurants to support their business, with 35% supporting the James Beard Foundation's national programming, including the Open for Good campaign. The James Beard Foundation's Open for Good campaign is committed to helping independent restaurants survive the COVID-19 crisis, rebuild stronger, and thrive for the long term. As part of this campaign, the Foundation has created the James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Investment Fund for Black and Indigenous Americans, which recently provided its third round of \$15,000 grants to food and beverage businesses, majority-owned by Black or Indigenous individuals, across six regions nationally. For information on the Foundation's Open for Good campaign, industry support resources, and the Investment Fund, please visit [jamesbeard.org/aboutopenforgood](https://jamesbeard.org/aboutopenforgood).

Each event ticket includes a three-course meal by featured chefs that showcases their signature styles and highlights the uniqueness of their communities, plus beverage pairings to be enjoyed at the participating restaurant, with safety regulations strictly

enforced as mandated by the local governance. More details on events in each participating city can be viewed at [jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica](http://jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica).

Capital One cardholders have the exclusive opportunity to purchase a Capital One Access Pass that allows them to enjoy the three-course meal and beverage pairings while also receiving exclusive special perks. You must use an eligible Capital One card to purchase a Capital One Access Pass. Excludes Capital One-issued private label cards. Availability is limited. The box office is now open for the general public and Capital One cardholders for all events and tickets can be purchased at [www.jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica](http://www.jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica).

This year's winter 2022 Taste America programming dates, participating chefs, and cities include the following:

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11**

**Boston:** Chef Charlie Foster, Wood Hills at Pier 4, and featuring a guest chef courtesy of Choose Chicago to be announced

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

**Chicago:** Chef Cedric Harden, River Roast, and featuring guest chef Darnell Reed, Luella's Southern Kitchen

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**Miami:** Chef Michael Beltran, Ariete, and featuring guest chef Valerie Chang, Itamae

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25**

**Philadelphia:** Chef Michael Vincent Ferreri, Irwin's, and featuring guest chef Amanda Shulman, Her Place Supper Club

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**Minneapolis:** Chef Ann Kim, Sooki & Mimi, and featuring guest chef Christina Nguyen, Hai Hai

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**Houston:** Chef Aaron Bludorn, Bludorn, and featuring guest chef Nick Wong, UB Preserve

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**Denver:** Chef Dana Rodriguez, Cantina Loca, and featuring guest chef Jen Jasinski, Rioja

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC:** Chef Andrea Reusing, Lantern, and featuring guest chef Cheetie Kumar, Garland

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**New Orleans:** Chef Sidney Montrel, Vyoone's, and featuring guest chef Martha Wiggins, Café Reconcile

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**Atlanta:** Chef Scotley Innis, Continent, and featuring guest chef Claudia Martinez, Miller Union

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**Phoenix:** Chef Samantha Sanz, Elements, and featuring guest chef Rochelle Daniel, Atria & Fat Ox

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**San Juan, Puerto Rico:** Chef Mario Pagán, La Central, and featuring guest chef María Mercedes Grubb, Underground Dining Club

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

**Santa Fe:** Chef Dakota Weiss, Coyote Café, and featuring guest chef Martin Rios, Restaurant Martín

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

**Boston:** Chef Karen Akunowicz, Bar Volpe, and featuring guest chef Cassie Piuma, Sarma

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

**Seattle:** Chef Preeti Agarwal, Meesha 127, and featuring guest chef Mutsuko Soma, Kamonegi

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**

**San Francisco:** Chef Pim Techamuanvivit, Nari, and featuring guest chef Heena Patel, Besharam

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

**Philadelphia:** Chefs Greg Vernick and Drew Parassio, Vernick Fish, and featuring guest chef Ange Branca, Kampar Kitchen

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30**

**Los Angeles:** Chef Martin Draluck, Post & Beam, and featuring a guest chef courtesy of Choose Chicago to be announced

**NEW YORK CITY DATES WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED**

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 sponsors:

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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©(3) organization based in New York City.

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