

WESTCHESTER MAGAZINE'S

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

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CELEBRITY CHEFS ANNOUNCED FOR WESTCHESTER MAGAZINE'S WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL GRAND TASTING VILLAGE

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY (September 2021) –**Westchester Magazine's Wine & Food Festival's Grand Tasting Village** will feature live Chef demos, tastings from 40+ local restaurants and food trucks and more than 150 wines and spirits. The signature event of the Wine & Food Festival, the Grand Tasting Village, takes place **Saturday, September 25, from noon to 4:00 p.m.** at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. Restaurant highlights include Apropos Restaurant at The Abbey Inn, BLT Steak, Eastchester Fish Gourmet, L'inizio and Gigante, plus 45 vintners including Banfi, Caymus Vineyards, Deutsch, E&J Gallo Winery, Moet & Chandon, Palm Bay and more, pouring three to four wines at each station throughout the village.

Westchester Magazine is excited to welcome Emmy® award-winning broadcast professional and one of the nation's most recognized lifestyle experts, NBC's **Sara Gore**; Bravo's Top Chef and Goosefeather Owner **Chef Dale Talde**; ABC's Great American Baking Show Season 4 Winner **Tina Zaccardi**, the Italian Cookie; and Iron Chef American Season 4 Winner and renowned Hudson Valley **Chef Peter X Kelly** to the cooking demonstration tent at Kensico Dam Plaza. The live chef demos will take place throughout the day, serving up sweet and savory delights along with restaurants and a variety of food trucks creating a gastronomic delight for food and wine lovers.

"The Grand Tasting Village will feature great local and national celebrity chefs demonstrating their culinary skills," said Westchester Magazine Publisher Sam Wender. "We are excited to offer food lovers a safe event, where they can spend the day sampling cuisines and culinary delights from throughout the Hudson Valley."

The VIP Party Line Connoisseurs Tent offers higher end wines and gastronomic pleasure. Wine expert, author and educator **Kevin Zraly** will be leading Wine Seminars throughout the day focusing on the vintages being served in the Connoisseurs Tent. Entrance to this exclusive area and the wine seminars are only for guests purchasing Party Line Connoisseurs Tent tickets, which includes access to all Grand Tasting Village events. **Limited tickets available. First come, first serve **

The festival is a not-to-be missed experience recognizing the culinary spirit of Westchester County with 85+ top local restaurants and a selection of world-class wines. The one-week wine and food extravaganza will take place September 21-25 and serve as a salute to the finest food, exceptional spirits, and award-winning chefs from throughout the county. The festival will require all attendees to be fully vaccinated and show the New York Excelsior Pass or vaccination card & ID upon entry.

****No one under 21 will be admitted.
No Infants, Children, Strollers, or Pets allowed. ****

Celebrity Chef Demo Chef Bios

About Sara Gore

An Emmy® award-winning broadcast professional and one of the nation's most recognized lifestyle experts, Sara Gore is the co-host of *New York Live*, NBC 4 New York's popular daily lifestyle series. Airing weekdays at 11:30 AM, Gore and co-host Jacque Reid serve up a daily dose of the very best New York has to offer from the latest fashion trends to celebrity news and interviews, top food and restaurant choices, and entertainment. Early in her career, Gore pursued her passion for food by working as a personal chef, food columnist, running her own catering company, and as a line cook for internationally renowned chef/restaurateur, Jean-Georges Vongerichten. She has continued to demonstrate her cooking skills on television (The Today Show, The Martha Stewart Show and on her own Emmy nominated show Recipe Revamp), in commercials as the face of Dinner Made Easy for General Mills and for DeCecco Pasta, and at home for her husband and three kids. Sara has also appeared on the Food Network as a guest judge on Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity Edition and as a regular guest judge on Beat Bobby Flay.

About Chef Peter X. Kelly

For nearly 3 decades Peter X. Kelly has set the standard for dining in New York State. Operating some of the most critically acclaimed restaurants in the Hudson Valley, Peter is an experienced, talented, and successful entrepreneur. His Contemporary American Cuisine brings dining to a new level by providing his guests with exquisite food and superb service. Born in Yonkers, New York, tenth in a line of 12 children, Peter began working in local restaurants at the age of 14. While studying Business Administration at Marist College, Peter held a number of kitchen and front-of-house positions in some of New York States' finest restaurants. In 1983, Peter's culinary interests led him on a pilgrimage to France, and to the pursuit of perfection in the culinary world. At 23, this self-taught chef opened Xaviar's in Garrison and began his journey to success. To date, Peter owns some of the most renowned & acclaimed restaurants in New York State, all located in the Hudson Valley, north of New York City.

About Dale Talde

Chef Dale Talde is the host and producer of Tastemade's All Up in Your Grill, and has competed twice on Top Chef, went back to the kitchen to compete on Top Chef Duels, and then returned in 2021 as a guest judge on Top Chef season 18, as well as on Top Chef Amateurs. Dale's passion

for cooking began at a young age in his native Chicago where he learned to prepare meals alongside his mother in the kitchen. The proud son of Filipino immigrants, he grew up immersed in his family's cultural heritage, while also enjoying the life of a typical American kid. Dale applies this distinct Asian-American experience to his menus and hospitality concepts. His tie to culture and the arts is a strong and subtle thread in all his creations. In September of 2015, Dale released his first cookbook, Asian American, to rave reviews. Beyond Asian American food, he has opened and consulted on projects focused on Cantonese cuisine, Japanese cuisine, Italian cuisine, traditional bar and grills, rooftops, and nightclubs. A builder and inventor at heart, he drives the creative process for his company Food Crush Hospitality. In 2019, Dale opened Goosefeather at the Tarrytown House Estate in New York, and in the following year, it was named one of Esquire's Best New Restaurants in America.

About Tina Zaccardi

Tina is a self-taught baker. Her curiosity as a young child led her into the kitchen where her mother and grandmother laid the foundation for a lifetime love of baking. She has passionately studied baking for most of her life while developing and modernizing her favorite recipes to bake for her family and friends. Her hard work and determination culminated in her winning season 4 of ABC's The Great American Baking Show. Her favorite things to bake are individual desserts and cookies. Her many television appearances include The Chew, The Today Show, The Rachael Ray Show and Hallmark Home and Family. Currently she is doing reoccurring segments on Bridge Street TV, Daytime TV, Connecticut Live as well as appearances on WGN Chicago Sunday Brunch and The Midday News.

About Westchester Magazine Wine & Food Festival

Traditionally held each year in June, the festival was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic. Organizers continued to support restaurants struggling during the pandemic by launching an awareness campaign that helped highlight local business owners throughout the year on their digital platforms.

Stew Leonard's Wines & Spirits of Yonkers, one of the region's largest purveyors of wine and spirits, is the official wine and spirits partner for the festival. Additional sponsors include Blue Moon Brewing Co., E&J Gallo Winery, Heineken, Mercedes-Benz of White Plains, Montefiore, Party Line Tent Rentals, City Winery, DeCicco & Sons, Enormous Creative, The Journal News, News 12, New York Post, Pamal Broadcasting, smeg, Westchester County Office of Economic Development, Westchester County Parks and Yonkers Contracting. Westchester Parks Foundation, which provides private support to preserve the County's Park system and improve the quality of life in our communities, is the official charity for the event.

Special hotel packages will be available for those coming in from out of town that includes passes and free shuttles. Participating hotels include: Sonesta White Plains, Sleepy Hollow Hotel & Conference, Westchester Marriott, Cambria Suites, Courtyard & Residence Inn by Marriott, Hampton Inn & Suites Yonkers-Westchester and more.

The event draws more than 7,000 people from across the New York Metro area including New York City, Westchester County, Long Island, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

For additional information or to purchase tickets visit westchestermagazine.com/winefood



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