

DBusiness Daily Update: New Documentary from Filmmaker Keith Famie Explores Detroit's Culinary Heritage

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Detroit restaurant legend Joe Muer Jr. discusses Detroit's culinary history with Keith Famie in "Detroit: The City of Chefs." // Photo courtesy of Keith Famie

A new documentary from Wixom-based filmmaker Keith Famie called "Detroit: The City of Chefs" will debut Fall 2024 and be shown on Detroit Public Television.

"Detroit's culinary heritage is as important to our city's story as the automobile," Famie says. "Even during economic downturns, legendary dining spots like the Detroit Athletic Club, the Pontchartrain Hotel, Joe Muer's, the Roostertail, Mario's, and the London Chop House were setting standards of excellence for cuisine and service across the world's stage." The film will cover a wide array of Detroit and Michigan culinary topics, including:

- History of the ethnic community, restaurants, and food purveyors
- The early professional chefs, country clubs, and hotels
- The early food critics
- History of chefs as charitable ambassadors to the community
- History of the Michigan Chefs De Cuisine
- Michigan's culinary colleges
- S. Culinary Olympics
- Ice Carving competitions in Plymouth Township
- Michigan's Master Chefs
- Kitchen designs and how they evolved
- Matri'd's and the wine industry
- Today's leading Metro Detroit restaurants and the next generation of chefs

The documentary by Famie's team at Visionalist Entertainment Productions promises to tell the unfiltered story Detroit's culinary heritage. "Expect to laugh, be inspired, reminisce, and possibly tear up as you join us as we celebrate Detroit's expansive reputation as an international dining destination," Famie says. A charity preview gala is being planned and details will be revealed at a later date.