

## Keith Famie's documentary 'Detroit: City of Chefs' premieres next week



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Chefs, culinary students, restaurateurs and other players in Metro Detroit's food and hospitality industry will converge at Emagine Novi Monday for the premiere of chef Keith Famie's documentary "Detroit: City of Chefs."

The 95-minute film explores the history of chefs and restaurants in the city starting in the 1960s up until modern day. It will feature major players of the restaurant world, including Brian Polcyn, Rick Halberg, Mary Brady, Shawn Loving, Joe Muer Jr. and Michigan's first James Beard Award winner, Jimmy Schmidt.



"This a story about people," said Famie. "This is a story about our rich ethnic community. This is a story about those early trailblazing restaurateurs, chefs that set out to define who we are today as culinary heritage."

Famie, a film producer, director and chef, said "Detroit: City of Chefs" takes a deep dive into who these chefs were and how they inspired today's current generation of headline-making culinary professionals. He calls them "the brat pack" of Detroit's chef world in the late 20th century. This group worked for European chefs, learned precision in the kitchen and brought their skills back to area kitchens.

The documentary also details the importance that country club and hotel restaurants had on the dining scene, as well as the integral part Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College's culinary programs played in the industry.



"It's really an interesting trajectory of evolution of our culinary heritage," he said.

Now that "Detroit: City of Chefs" is ready for an audience, and it will show at Emagine Novi Monday and also on Detroit PBS Dec. 12. The Monday night in-person event features "chef's alley," with a chance for the audience to meet some of the chefs in the film, get cookbooks signed and browse local vendors.

Famie's started work on his next project, a documentary film exploring the history and importance of the James Beard Awards and the Certified Master Chefs program.

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## **“Detroit: The City of Chefs” premiere event**

7 p.m. Monday

Emagine Novi

44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi

\$20 for general admission tickets, \$200 for VIP

[detroitcityofchefs.com](http://detroitcityofchefs.com)

## **“Detroit: The City of Chefs”**

9 p.m. Dec. 12

PBS Detroit