

‘Detroit: The City of Chefs III’ to be Filmed at Black Star Farms in Suttons Bay

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The surrounding farms will be featured in the film as sources of produce for the dinner. The menu will focus on vegetarianism and Michigan’s agricultural community.

To showcase Michigan's growing seasons, the film will feature chefs working closely with Michigan's farming community to better understand the significance of the term "farm to table."

The film also will explore why Detroit is leading the way nationally with urban farming. It also will provide a better understanding of why some people refer to food as "medicine."

The dinner is being spearheaded by Chefs Jimmy Schmidt, George Vutetakis, and Amber Poupore, along with several of Northern Michigan's chefs, and will feature coursed wine pairings from Black Star Farms.

Recently, Black Star Farms was awarded *USA Today's* "2025 Reader's Choice #1 Best Wine Country Inn."

In addition, the dinner will shed a light on, and be in support of, three charities — Project Feed the Kids, 5Loaves2FishNMI, and Leelanau Christian Neighbors.

Participating chefs for the dinner include:

- Les Eckert (Great Lakes Culinary Institute at Northwestern Michigan College)
- Amber Poupore (Cacao Tree Café)
- Sarah Welch and Cameron Rolka (Umbo)
- Andrew Viren (Taproot Cider House)
- Sarah Bobier (Artisan)
- Jennifer Blakeslee and Eric Patterson (The Cooks' House)
- George Vutetakis (Inn Season Café)
- Myles Anton (Trattoria Stella)
- Jimmy Schmidt (Rattlesnake Club)
- Emily Stewart and Andy Elliott (Modern Bird)
- Jen Welty (9 Bean Rows)

The participating sommelier is Amanda Danielson of Trattoria Stella in Traverse City.

Director and Producer Keith Famie and his crew from Visionalist Entertainment Productions in Wixom will be filming in the days leading up to the dinner as well as the chefs cooking at the event. This will all be part of the Fall 2026 release of "Detroit: The City of Chefs III."

This is the third installment in the Detroit PBS film series about Detroit's culinary heritage. "Detroit: The City of Chefs" was released in 2024 and was the recipient of the 2025 Michigan Emmy Award for "Best Historical Documentary."

"Detroit: The City of Chefs II" will debut on Oct. 24, 2025, on Detroit PBS.

To learn more about "Detroit: The City of Chefs III" and view the film's trailer, visit detroitcityofchefs.com.

To book reservations to the Black Star Farms' dinner on Oct. 23 (6:30-9 p.m.), visit [here](#).