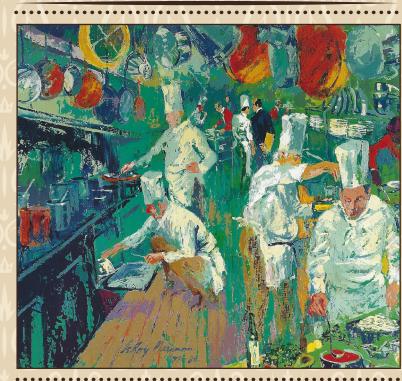


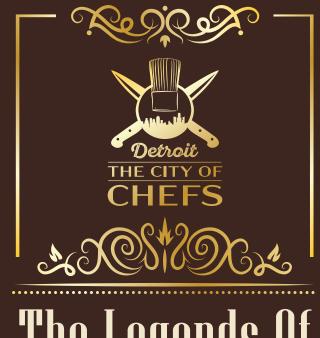
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"You have no choice as a professional chef: you have to repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat until it becomes part of yourself."

- Chef Jacques Pépin



The Legends Of The Stove



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A historical gathering of iconic Metro Detroit chefs, restauranteurs, & front of the house legends.

Hosted by Executive Chef Shawn Loving, CMC

Opening Comments by JoAnne Purtan

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From medieval times, chefs and their kitchen brigades played a vital role in the success of the nobility. But following the French Revolution in 1799, the culinary teams of kings and queens cast off what was a rigid system of trade guilds to bring forward fine-dining restaurants. Still, the hierarchical structure of tightly operated kitchens remains in place. In fact, the double breasted chef's jacket is a lasting vestige of culinary leaders; evoking the venerable roots of military ranks.

The emblematic curtain to the back of the house finally opened a half century ago, led by legendary Master Chef Milos Cihelka of the Detroit Athletic Club. In 1972, he founded the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association, an organization that serves to lift the public profile of culinary teams while raising money for charities. On this night, we celebrate the role of the "celebrity chefs" who have served to render our region as a culinary destination while supporting the greater good in our community.

Hosted by Master Chef Shawn Loving, it's fitting that the DAC and so many of our fine restaurants young and old are represented at this extraordinary occasion. With their steadfast support and vision, we acknowledge those who have served to heighten our palettes and enlighten our senses in ways unimaginable more than a century ago. To be sure, the DAC played a vital role in establishing the culinary standards and professional service that first emerged in Europe, along with sourcing the finest wines and spirits the world has to offer.

As part of the festivities this evening, a PBS documentary is being filmed by Chef Keith Famie, an Emmy award winning director and producer. "Detroit: The City of Chefs," which will celebrate our current culinary masters and those from the past, will have its red carpet premiere this fall in the Motor City.

There is no need to "act" tonight, rather embrace the moment, enjoy the culinary food salon displays prepared by the student teams at Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College, and Macomb Community College, and savor the moment of being a part of history in the making with The Legends of the Stove — a tribute to our region's culinary heritage. — R.J. King, Author and Editor, DBusiness Magazine

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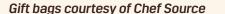




















Loving Spoonful, Schoolcraft College, Detroit Athletic Club

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Pike Street, Five Lakes Grill, Forest Grill

Chef Ed Janos

Money Tree, Too Chez

Chef Jeff Baldwin Van Dyke Place, The Whitney,

Chef Paul Grosz

Raphael's, Cuisine. Schoolcraft College

J. Baldwin's

Chef Jimmy Schmidt

London Chop House, Rattlesnake Club

Chef Rick Halberg Tweeny's, R.I.K.'s, Emily's

Bacco Ristorante, Bigalora

Casa Pernoi

Chef Greg Upshur Cousins Heritage Inn, Too Chez, Ford's Estate

Chef Jeff Gabriel

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Les Auteurs, Schoolcraft College

Chef Steve Allen

The Golden Mushroom, Steve & Rocky's Chez Raphael, Les Auteurs, Forte

Chef Nick Apone

Intermezzo, Nino Salvaggio International Marketplace

Chef Joseph Decker

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Chef Kevin Gawronski

Schoolcraft College

Chef Dan Hugelier

London Chop House. Detroit Athletic Club, Schoolcraft College

Chef Marcus Haight

The Lark, Schoolcraft College

Chef Luciano DelSignore Chef Milos Cihelka

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Chef Anthony Lombardo

SheWolf Pastificio & Bar

Chef Kevin Brennan

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Chef Keith Famie

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These clay puppet creations are part of a collaboration with Detroit's College for Creative Studies Entertainment Arts department. They will come to life in a stop motion sequence for Detroit: The City of Chefs.

TONIGHT'S CELEBRATION SUPPORTS THESE AMAZING METRO DETROIT ORGANIZATIONS:











