

MEDIA ALERT: THE GREENWICH WINE + FOOD FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR ITS 8TH YEAR, WELCOMING TIM MCGRAW, DANIEL BOULUD, SCOTT CONANT, ALEX GUARNASCHELLI, ADAM RICHMAN, KATHIE LEE GIFFORD, CAROLINE JONES AND MORE

WHAT: The [Greenwich 2018 Wine + Food Festival presented by PepsiCo](#), benefitting the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, the Town of Greenwich Parks & Recreation Foundation and Ment'or, returns for its eighth year Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22 to the Roger Sherman Baldwin Park in Greenwich, CT.

- The Opening Night Master Chef Wine Dinner (Friday) will honor Alex Guarnaschelli for her innovation and substantial contributions to the culinary world, as well as the 2018 *Serendipity* Most Innovative Chefs. Scott Conant and Adam Richman will be in attendance as special guests with Gary Dell'Abate and Rob Burnett co-hosting the evening. The Innovative Chefs, as well as Festival Ambassador Chefs, will serve their gourmet cuisine alongside curated wines and artfully-crafted cocktails. The event will also honor Greenwich couple Elizabeth and Traver Hutchins with the "MMRF Spirit of Hope Award." The evening will end with a musical performance by CCB Reggae All Stars.
- The full-day Culinary Village event (Saturday) offers tastings and samples from more than 150 food, wine, spirits and product vendors. Guests will enjoy culinary and sommelier/cocktail demonstrations by celebrity chefs and national/local talent, celebrity book signings, the 7th annual Burger Battle, the 5th annual Top Bartender Showdown presented by Ketel One, chef interviews in the Celebrity Green Room presented by Ethan Allen, The Tailgate, Bud & Burgers, South of the Border presented by Don Julio, Empire City Casino tent and live performances on the Pepsi Music Stage by Caroline Jones and headliner Tim McGraw. This event will take place rain or shine at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park in Greenwich.

For more information on the schedule or to purchase tickets, visit www.greenwichwineandfood.com.

WHEN: Friday, September 21, 7:00pm to 10:30pm
Saturday, September 22, 12:30pm to 10:00pm (12:00 pm early access for VIP ticket holders and Citi cardholders only)

WHERE: Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, 100 Arch Street, Greenwich (Walking distance from the Greenwich Metro North Station)

WHO: Available for interviews and/or photos on-site (schedule subject to change):

- **Suni Unger**, Founder and CEO of Greenwich Wine + Food & *Serendipity* magazine

- Representatives from the **Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)**
- **Alex Guarnaschelli** (Friday and Saturday)
- **Scott Conant** (Friday and Saturday)
- **Adam Richman** (Friday and Saturday)
- **Kathie Lee Gifford** (Saturday only)
- Most Innovative Chefs (Friday Only): **Susanne Berne**, Bianco Rosso, Wilton, CT; **Ben Freemole**, The Tavern at Graybarns, Norwalk, CT; **Julio Genao**, Prime Stamford, Stamford, CT; **Cedric Lamouille**, Bistro V, Greenwich, CT; **Jay LeBlanc**, Knot Norm's Catering Co., Norwalk, CT; **Ben Pope**, Mr. Koo's Kitchen, Irvington, NY; **Armando Sanchez**, Washington Prime, Norwalk, CT; **Antonio Selendic**, Dubrovnik, New Rochelle, NY; and **Brad Stewart**, Flinders Lane, Stamford, CT).
- Ambassador Chefs (Friday only): **Mogan Anthony**, Village Social, Mount Kisco, NY and Locali, New Canaan, CT; **Rui Correia**, Douro, Greenwich, CT; **Lisa and Steve Maronian**, Sweet Lisa's Exquisite Cakes, Cos Cob, CT; **Nick Martschenko**, South End and SE Uncorked, New Canaan, CT; **Debra Ponzek**, Aux Delices, Darien, Greenwich and Westport, CT; **Robin Selden**, Marcia Selden Catering, Stamford, CT; **Matt Storch**, Nomeez, Bridgeport, CT, Match, Norwalk, CT and Match Burger Lobster, Westport, CT; **Luke Venner**, Elm, New Canaan, CT; and **Ian Vest**, Back 40 Kitchen, Greenwich, CT)
- **Ambassador Chefs (Saturday only): Carlos Baez**, The Spread, Greenwich and Norwalk, CT, El Segundo, Norwalk, CT; **Jes Bengtson**, Terrain Garden Café, Westport, CT; **Samantha Benjamin**, The Dessertist, Croton on Hudson, NY; **Arturo Franco-Camacho**, Geronimo Tequila Bar, Fairfield and New Haven, CT, Shell & Bones Oyster Bar and Grill, New Haven, CT; **Zachariah Champion**, Bailey's Backyard Farm to Table Restaurant, Ridgefield, CT; **Albert DeAngelis**, East End, Greenwich, CT; **Joseph Giordano**, Gabriele's Italian Steakhouse, Greenwich, CT; **Stavros Karipides**, Famous Greek Kitchen, Greenwich, CT; **Geoff Lazlo**, Geoff Lazlo Food, Greenwich, CT; **Stephen Lewandowski**, Harlan Haus, Bridgeport, CT, Harlan Publick, Norwalk, CT and Harlan Social, Stamford, CT; **Christian Petroni**, Fortina, Stamford, CT and Armonk, Brooklyn, Rye and Yonkers, NY; **Mike Pietrafeso**, ADA's Kitchen & Coffee, Darien and Greenwich, CT; **Nadia Ramsey**, Meli-Melo, Greenwich, CT; **Brian Reilly**, Mecha Noodle Bar, Fairfield, New Haven and Norwalk, CT; **Adam Roytman**, Bar Sugo, Norwalk, CT; **Brad Spence**, AMIS Trattoria, Westport, CT; **Bill Taibe**, Jesup Hall, Kawa Ni and The Whelk, Westport, CT; **David White**, Bianco Rosso, Trumbull and Wilton, CT

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ABOUT GREENWICH WINE + FOOD

[Greenwich Wine + Food](#) celebrates community, charity, food, beverage and more in the Connecticut and New York area with multiple events throughout the year, including the Greenwich Wine + Food Festival presented by PepsiCo, the *Serendipity* Golf Classic presented by Pure Leaf Iced Tea, and the *Serendipity* Fun Run presented by Aquafina. The 2018 beneficiaries include the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, the Town of Greenwich Parks & Recreation Foundation and Ment'or. Greenwich Wine + Food is a part of Unger Media. For more information, visit www.greenwichwineandfood.com.

ABOUT THE GREENWICH 2018 WINE + FOOD FESTIVAL

The [Greenwich 2018 Wine + Food Festival presented by PepsiCo](#) is a multi-day event celebrating the area's rich culinary landscape and showcasing innovation in the food and beverage industries. It will benefit multiple charitable organizations including the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, the Town of Greenwich Parks & Recreation Foundation and Ment'or. Sponsors to date include 90+ Cellars, Aitoro, Baldor, Blancpain, Budweiser, Citibank, Coldwell Banker, Compass, Delamar, Don Julio, Empire City Casino, Ethan Allen, Filippo Berio, GE Monogram, Hospital For Special Surgery, Hotel Zero Degrees, Jameson, Jeep, Ketel One, Kim Crawford, Lifewtr, Manfredi, Meiomi, New York Post, NuKitchens, Pacifico, Pepsi Zero, PepsiCo, Pure Leaf Iced Tea, Rudy's Executive Transportation, Rings End, Ruffino, Sam Bridge Nursery, *Serendipity*, Shreve, Crump & Lowe, Stamford Marriott, Stella Artois, Sysco, Unger Media, Westy Self Storage, Whistle Pig Rye Whiskey, Whole Foods and Woodford Reserve.* For more information, visit www.greenwichwineandfood.com, or the event's social media channels: Facebook ([@Greenwichwineandfoodfestival](#)) and Instagram ([@greenwichwineandfood](#)).

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