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BURGERS & BEATS

Tickets to Hamburger Hop and Late Night Gourmet on Sale Now

Fire up the grill and prepare to feast—it's burger time! The beloved **Hamburger Hop** returns to [Bon Appétit presents Chicago Gourmet](#) on **Friday, September 23** with all the fixings for a full-on burger bonanza. Hosted by *Bon Appétit's* [Adam Rapoport](#), Editor in Chief, and [Andrew Knowlton](#), Deputy Editor, the Hamburger Hop challenges fifteen Chicago chefs to battle it out for Buckhead Beef® burger glory.

"There is no better burger battle in town," said Sam Toia, President & CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Association, who produces Chicago Gourmet. "Hamburger Hop is a spirited competition, putting Chicago's best to the test, and it's a thrill to taste the incredible burger creations each year."

Held at the Harris Theater Rooftop from **6 to 9 p.m.**, the Best Burger is awarded by an esteemed panel of celebrity judges, featuring Jeff Mauro of [Pork & Mindy's](#), Dino



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Tsaknis of [David Burke's Primehouse](#), Lin Brehmer of [93XRT](#), Morgan Olsen of [RedEye](#), and David Lissner of [Dining Chicago](#). This year's chef line-up includes:

Mariela Bolaños | [MAD Social](#)
Bob Broskey | [Beacon Tavern](#)
Nicolas Cabrera | [STK](#)
Larry Donahue | [Weber Grill](#)
Amanda Downing | [Rockit Ranch](#)
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Chris Pandel | [Swift & Sons](#)
Doug Psaltis | [Three Dots and a Dash](#)
Moosah Reaume | [Rosebud Prime](#)
Joseph Rizza | [Prime & Provisions](#)
Rey Villalobos | [Blue Door Kitchen and Garden](#)
Matt Wilde | [Joy District](#)
Jesse Williams | [Appellation](#)

The Hamburger Hop is generously sponsored by [Buckhead Beef®](#), [Turano](#), [Josh Cellars](#), [American Express](#), [Lexus](#), [American Airlines](#) and [Choose Chicago](#).

Plus, the official after party **Late Night Gourmet**, held at The Underground from 9 p.m. to midnight, invites guests to mix and mingle with Chicago's hottest tastemakers, influencers and chefs. The annual party promises delectable bites, savory sips to include [Saved Wines](#) and tunes from [DJ Rock City](#).

Tickets are on sale **now for Hamburger Hop and Late Night Gourmet**. Hamburger Hop tickets are \$125 and Late Night Gourmet are \$50 per person. Tickets to both events are available for purchase together for \$160. Prices are exclusive of taxes and fees. Both events are open to the public, and are ticketed separately from Chicago Gourmet and the Grand Cru. Attendees must be at least 21 years of age.

For tickets and additional information, visit chicagogourmet.org.

ABOUT BUCKHEAD BEEF

Buckhead Beef® was established in 1983 with a handful of devoted employees and a very simple operating philosophy: to provide the finest quality products at the best prices. Buckhead Beef® is totally committed to customer satisfaction and service. In



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ABOUT BON APPÉTIT

Bon Appétit is where food and culture meet. The award-winning No. 1 food lifestyle brand covers food through the lens of cooking, fashion, travel, design, and home. Under editor in chief Adam Rapoport, the brand has been nominated for 18 National Magazine Awards, including wins in 2014 for General Excellence and Photography; 12 James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards; and more than 50 Society of Publication Designers (SPD) nominations including design, photography, and Magazine of the Year. Under Vice President and Chief Revenue Officer Pamela Drucker Mann, the magazine was named the *Advertising Age* A-List Magazine of the Year in 2013 and "One to Watch" in 2014, and has been *Adweek's* Food Magazine of the Year in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Please visit www.bonappetit.com.

ABOUT CHICAGO GOURMET

Now in its ninth year, Chicago Gourmet, the nation's premier culinary experience aimed at promoting Chicago's world-class culinary community, takes place September 23-25, 2016. It was created by the [Illinois Restaurant Association](http://www.illinoisrestaurantassociation.com) to celebrate and honor both Chicago's culinary achievements and the creative vision of the chefs, Master Sommeliers, and wine-, spirit-, and beer-makers who participate. It also spotlights Chicago as an international culinary destination via its unparalleled epicurean talent. For more information, please visit www.chicagogourmet.org and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

ABOUT ILLINOIS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1914, the Illinois Restaurant Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, protecting, educating and improving the restaurant industry in Illinois. For more information, visit www.illinoisrestaurants.org and follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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