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**CHICAGO GOURMET AND HOST CHEF RICK BAYLESS GIVE FOODIES
SOMETHING TO TACO 'BOUT**

***Tickets go on Sale Tomorrow at 10 a.m. CST for The Tao of Tacos, a NEW event
on Saturday, September 24***

Just when you thought you had tried every taco in Chicago, Rick Bayless comes along and rocks your world. Japanese or Italian taco, anyone?

Bon Appétit presents Chicago Gourmet Host Chef Rick Bayless of [Frontera Restaurants](#) has dreamed up a brand new fiesta Chicagoans have waited their whole lives for: **The Tao of Tacos**. This one-night-only, global taco extravaganza will be held **Saturday, September 24** from **8 to 11 p.m.** at the Harris Theater Rooftop.

Renowned chefs representing cuisines from around the world will unite to present their take on the taco – incorporating ingredients, techniques and flair that are signature to their culinary style. Using the tortilla as a blank canvas, participants will bring Chicago Gourmet's newly introduced **Food is Art!** theme to life through vibrant flavors and never-before-tasted combinations. It's the taco jackpot.

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"What we're really doing at this event is letting some amazing chefs express their interpretations of the taco, be they humble or high end," explains Chef Bayless. "I can't really think of a better party, can you?"

Chef Bayless called, and they answered. He and Chicago Gourmet are thrilled to welcome an all-star chef lineup, including:

Jimmy Bannos Jr. | [The Purple Pig](#)
Amanda Cohen | [Dirt Candy](#), New York
Abraham Conlon | [Fat Rice](#)
Rohini Dey | [Vermilion](#)
Jose Garces | [Garces Group](#)
Jason Hammel | [Lula Cafe](#)
Joseph "JJ" Johnson | [The Cecil](#), New York
Richard Sandoval | [Richard Sandoval Restaurants](#)
Mindy Segal | [Mindy's HotChocolate](#)
Jason Vincent | [Giant](#)
Erling Wu-Bower | [Nico Osteria](#)
Takashi Yagihashi | [Slurping Turtle](#)

As they rub elbows with their favorite chefs and sample their creative taco renditions, guests will enjoy cocktails from [Cazadores Tequila](#) and suds from [Lagunitas Brewing Company](#).

Tickets go on sale tomorrow, **Tuesday, June 21, at 10 a.m. CST** at [chicagogourmet.org](#). Tickets are \$95 per person. Guests must be 21+ to attend.

Viva el taco!

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](#).

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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](#) 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

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