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MetroCooking DC

The Metropolitan Cooking & Entertaining Show

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EMERIL LAGASSE HEADLINES 2018 METROCOOKING DC SHOW

EMMY-AWARD WINNING CHEF LIDIA BASTIANICH, TV HOST & COOKBOOK AUTHOR CARLA HALL, JAMES BEARD CHEFS, HUNDREDS OF SPECIALTY FOOD VENDORS, TASTING EVENTS, COOKING CLASSES ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

(July 22, 2018 – Washington, DC) Making his first appearance at **MetroCooking DC**, the region’s largest culinary showcase, **Emeril Lagasse** will headline the December 1-2, 2018 show to be held for its 13th year at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Other well-known chefs, Emmy-award winning **Lidia Bastianich** and TV host and cookbook author **Carla Hall**, will make appearances as well. This event is organized by E.J. Krause & Associates.

Show-goers may shop from aisles of specialty food products, including holiday gift options, experience live demos from James Beard honored chefs, participate in interactive workshops and attend book signings from authors from throughout the country.

At the James Beard Foundation Cooking Stage will be an all-star lineup, including Lagasse, and Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington RAMMY award-winners and local DC area chefs including Scott Drewno, co-owner of RAMMY “Best New Restaurant of the Year, CHIKO; Amy Brandwein, RAMMY “Chef of the Year”, from Centrolina; Erik Bruner-Yang, of Maketto; Vikram Sunderam of Rasika and Bindaas and Michael Schlow of The Riggsby and Alta Strada along with other regional Beard honored winners and nominees. In addition, chefs from Sur la Table will lead hands on cooking classes.

Several interactive events within the event include a two-day **Beer, Wine & Spirits Garden**, with craft beer, specialty wines and spirits. At the **BBQ Bash** on Saturday, December 1 attendees will find the area’s top barbecue restaurants and pitmasters offering food samples and giving grilling tips and trends. On Sunday, December 2, more than 50 restaurants will serve up signature sweet and savory bites at the 6th annual **Grand Tasting Pavilion** benefiting SOME (So Others Might Eat). A Made in DC pavilion will showcase local specialty food manufacturers

New this year will be a **Holiday Gingerbread House Competition** at which local professional and amateur bakers will showcase their creations and vie for prizes including “People’s Choice”.

Throughout the two-day event, there will be activities including ongoing tastings, demos and home entertaining and cooking workshops. Known to be a great shopping show, this year 200 specialty food exhibitors will exhibit and sell products making the event a place to shop for holiday gifts for gourmands.

General admission tickets are priced at \$21.50, which includes admission to the James Beard Cooking Stage and the Exhibitor Marketplace. The Sur la Table cooking classes, Beer, Wine & Spirits Garden, BBQ Bash and the Grand Tasting are special ticketed events and sold separately. VIP ticket packages are available, which will afford a backstage meet and greet with Emeril Lagasse, plus access to additional ticketed special events.

13th ANNUAL METROCOOKING DC SHOW

Saturday, December 1 – Sunday, December 2

Walter E. Washington Convention Center – Washington, DC

Hours: Saturday Dec 1: 10 am – 5:30 pm; Sunday Dec 2: 10 am – 5 pm

Ticket Prices: General Admission - \$21.50 in advance; Children 4-12 - \$10 in advance

Children under 4 free with paid adult

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