FOOD & WINE CLASSIC IN CHARLESTON RETURNS THIS NOVEMBER WITH STAR-STUDDED LINEUP OF CULINARY TALENT

Emeril and EJ Lagasse, Gail Simmons, Kwame Onwuachi, Tyler Florence, Maneet Chauhan, Andrew Zimmern, Claudette Zepeda, Rodney Scott, Carrie Morey, Melissa King, Wanda Mann, Julia Coney, Mike Lata, Hector Garate, and More Will Headline This Year's Event

Consumer Tickets Go on Sale May 15

NEW YORK, April 9, 2025 /**PRNewswire**/ -- Today, Food & Wine, Southern Living, and Travel + Leisure announced programming and ticket sales information for the highly-anticipated second annual **Food & Wine Classic in Charleston.** Presented by Explore Charleston, this premier culinary event will take place on **November 14-16, 2025** in the historic city of Charleston, South Carolina. Tickets will be available for purchase on May 15 beginning at 12 pm ET at **foodandwineclassicincharleston.com**.

"We're excited to return to Charleston for another unforgettable weekend of world-class culinary experiences," says **Hunter Lewis, Food & Wine Editor in Chief.** "Charleston's rich food culture, breathtaking scenery, and signature Southern hospitality create an atmosphere unlike any other. Alongside our partners at Southern Living and Travel + Leisure, we're looking forward to spotlighting this dynamic culinary destination, and to bringing together our passionate culinary community to celebrate, learn, and savor everything this vibrant city has to offer."

The Food & Wine Classic in Charleston has quickly cemented its place as a leading food and culture festival culinary event, recently named the #1 Best New Festival from *USA Today*'s 10Best. This Lowcountry extension of the iconic Food & Wine Classic in Aspen brings more than 40 years of expertise to showcase Charleston's vibrant food scene and culture.

The three-day weekend festival will feature the Classic's signature blend of world-class talent and local flavor with cooking demonstrations and wine and cocktail seminars led by culinary stars and beverage experts such as **Maneet Chauhan, Julia Coney, Tyler Florence, Anthony Giglio, Melissa King, Emeril and EJ Lagasse, Wanda Mann, Amanda McCrossin, Kwame Onwuachi, Ray Isle, Gail Simmons, Claudette Zepeda, and Andrew Zimmern,** alongside celebrated local talent including **Mike Lata, James London, Carrie Morey, Rodney Scott, Femi Oyediran** and **Miles White,** with more to be announced. Guests can expect a dynamic lineup of wine and food tastings, spirits seminars, as well as the Classic's famous Grand Tasting, the cornerstone of the weekend, which brings together hundreds of winemakers, distillers, and culinary experts from around the globe.

One of the weekend's most anticipated events, **Southern Living's Lowcountry Tailgate** returns for another spectacular evening. Attendees will experience the cherished Southern tradition featuring **Emeril and EJ Lagasse,** BBQ by **Hector Garate** and other local legends, and music by a special musical guest, all set against the backdrop of the scenic Kiawah River. "With the South's best barbecue, a red-hot Southern band, and a breathtaking setting, this event is a true celebration of Lowcountry tailgating and Southern culture," says **Sid Evans, Editor in Chief of Southern Living.**

Additional programming throughout the weekend will give guests access to exclusive, editor-curated experiences that showcase local gems and the very best of Charleston's vibrant culture curated by **Jacqui Gifford, Editor in Chief of Travel + Leisure.** "The city is renowned for its incredible dining and shopping scene," says Gifford. "Travel + Leisure is thrilled to partner with small businesses to offer special experiences to ticket holders."

For more on festival programming, participating talent, and travel information, please visit

foodandwineclassicincharleston.com.

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Explore Charleston is a 501c6 destination marketing and management organization (DMMO) representing ten municipalities across three counties in the Greater Charleston Area. It seeks to unify and lead the local travel industry in marketing the destination, creating overnight visitation, and supporting the community's long-term development through sustainable tourism promotion and management strategies. In 2022, the Charleston region's travel and hospitality industry supported over 51,000 hospitality jobs and generated an economic impact of over $12.8 billion.

The Food & Wine Classic in Charleston is powered by the Charleston Restaurant Foundation.

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