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Music City Food + Wine Festival Adds Ruth Reichl & Tiffani Faison

Award-winning author and chef to take part in Cooking Demo & Harvest Night, respectively, with Kings of Leon Anchoring Live Musical Performance of Iconic 70s & 80s Disco Hits

Nashville, TN (July 10, 2018) Music City Food + Wine is pleased to announce the addition of **Ruth Reichl**, award-winning author, journalist and TV personality, and **Tiffani Faison**, 2018 James Beard Foundation Award-nominated chef & owner of Sweet Cheeks Q, Tiger Mama and Fool's Errand, to the Festival program:

www.musiccityfoodandwinefestival.com.

Reichl, the six-time recipient of James Beard Foundation Awards for journalism, is also a highly decorated author, former editor in chief of *Gourmet* and former restaurant critic of both *The New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*. She will join chef/partner **Jonathan Waxman** for a spirited joint Cooking Demo, as well as lead a Panel Discussion and conduct a Book Signing throughout the weekend.

Faison, season one finalist of Top Chef and the 2018 nominee for Best Chef: Northeast, will conduct a Book Signing, take part in a Panel Discussion and round out the chef lineup at Saturday's **Harvest Night**, cooking alongside 14 of the best chefs from Nashville and across the country before **Kings of Leon** take the stage at Walk of Fame Park to anchor a star-studded lineup of special musical guests performing iconic disco hits from the 70s & 80s.

"The two things that flow straight from our souls, food and music, are what Harvest Night at Music City Food + Wine Festival celebrates," says chef **Tiffani Faison**. "It's the best of everything in one night."

Harvest Night attendees are encouraged to dress up in their flashiest Studio 54-inspired garb for a fabulous dance party under the Nashville stars while enjoying signature dishes from nationally acclaimed chefs including: **Jeni Britton Bauer** (Jeni's Ice Cream); **Tom Bayless** (The Public House); **Matt Bolus** (The 404 Kitchen); **Billy Durney** (Hometown Bar-B-Que); **Carla Hall** (Chef, Author, TV Personality); **Tiffani Faison** (Sweet Cheek, Tiger Mama, Fool's Errand); **Ford Fry** (Sea Wolf, Le Loup, Star Rover, Superica); **Matt Hyland & Graydon Atchley** (EMMY Squared Nashville); **Tim Love** (Lonesome Dove Western Bistro, Woodshed Smokehouse, Queenie's Steakhouse, Love Shack, White Elephant Saloon); **Matt McClure** (The Hive); **Margot McCormack** (Margot Café & Bar); **Aarón Sánchez** (Johnny Sánchez); **Chris Shepherd** (UB Preserv); **Jonathan Waxman** (Barbuto, Jams, Adele's, Brezza Cucina); **Tandy Wilson** (City House); and **Andrew Zimmern** (Four-Time James Beard Award-Winning TV Personality, Chef, Writer).

"Music City Food + Wine is one of my favorite festivals of the year," says **Andrew Zimmern**. "It brings together incredible chefs from Nashville and beyond, all cooking delicious food set to the vibrant live soundtrack of Music City. That integration of music and food, along with the stunning Nashville setting makes this intimate food fest truly special."

Tickets & More Information:

Music City Food + Wine Festival ticket options include an **All-In Ticket**, as well as **Friday Evening Ticket**, **Saturday Ticket**, **Harvest Night Ticket**, and **Gospel Brunch Ticket**. All attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

The **All-In Ticket** (\$525 per person) enables guests to experience the full weekend of Music City Food + Wine Festival programming, including the Official Drink of Nashville competition and Friday Night Throwdown and Saturday festival access; the Grand Taste cooking demos and panel discussions; more than 80 beer, wine, cocktail, and culinary tastings; access to Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint and Friends; book signings; access to Saturday's Harvest Night and Sunday's Gospel Brunch.

The **Friday Evening Ticket** (\$165 per person) includes single-day access to Friday, September 14 festival programming at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, including the Official Drink of Nashville competition and the Friday Night Throwdown; Grand Taste more than 80 beer, wine, cocktail, and culinary tastings; and access to Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint and Friends.

The **Saturday Ticket** (\$165 per person) includes single-day access to Saturday, September 15 festival programming at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, including the Grand Taste cooking demos and panel discussions; more than 80 beer, wine, cocktail, and culinary tastings; book signings; and access to Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint and Friends.

Harvest Night Ticket (\$275 per person) available as a stand-alone ticket option for Saturday evening, September 15. Harvest Night brings together signature dishes from world-renowned chefs from Nashville and across the country with a live musical performance anchored by Kings of Leon and special guests celebrating iconic disco hits of the 70s & 80s. Attendees are encouraged to dress up in their most festive Studio 54-inspired costumes for a rocking dance party under the stars at Walk of Fame Park in downtown Nashville.

Gospel Brunch (\$85 per person) will return to Walk of Fame Park on Sunday, September 16, featuring a dynamic roster of restaurants and chefs serving creative brunch favorites. Get a jump-start on the day with eye-opening cocktails, wine, coffee, and a spirited live gospel brunch performance from Gayle Mayes.

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