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## ***Kathie Lee Gifford, Martina McBride, Scott Conant, Tyler Florence & More Join Music City Food + Wine Festival***

*Award-winning Chefs, Authors, Musicians & Wine Personalities Join the Seventh Annual Festival to Participate in Cooking Demos, Friday Night Throwdown, Harvest Night, Tasting Sessions, Book Signings, Chef Showcase & Gospel Brunch*

Nashville, TN (August 6, 2019) Music City Food + Wine is pleased to announce that Nashville's own Emmy Award winning personality and GIFFT Wines partner, **Kathie Lee Gifford**, and GRAMMY-Award nominated Country Music icon **Martina McBride** will join James Beard Foundation Award-winning chef/author **Scott Conant** (Mora Italian), **Tyler Florence**, restaurateur, chef, TV host, author and media producer, along with a host of the city's top chefs and restaurants, for the 2019 Festival, September 20-22, 2019: [www.musiccityfoodandwinefestival.com](http://www.musiccityfoodandwinefestival.com).

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to take part in the Music City Food + Wine Festival," says **McBride**. "Like music, cooking is my love language and I'm so excited to be able to share that with my home town in September. Nashville is now a major player in the food scene and this festival has become such a great way to highlight all the amazing culinary experiences we have to offer."

**Kathie Lee Gifford**, a four-time Emmy Award recipient, *New York Times* best-selling author, wine enthusiast and multi-hyphenate personality, will conduct an interactive tasting of her eponymous GIFFT Wines created in partnership with Scheid Family Wines, over the course of the weekend in the **Tasting Sessions** tent. Additionally, Gifford will MC the **Friday Night Throwdown**, which pairs chefs **Carla Hall** (author, TV personality) and **Tim Love** (Lonesome Dove Western Bistro, Woodshed Smokehouse, Queenie's Steakhouse, Love Shack, White Elephant Saloon, Gemelle) as they go head-to-head in a lively cooking demo, captaining teams featuring celebrity sous chefs from the **Nashville**

**Predators and Tennessee Titans.** Each team's charity of choice will receive a charitable donation, with the winning team earning an additional donation. More details will be announced later this month.

**Martina McBride**, the Nashville-based Country Music star, multiple GRAMMY Award-nominee and host of *Martina's Table on Food Network*, will join fellow TV host **Tyler Florence** for a spirited joint **Cooking Demo** on Friday night. McBride and Florence will join forces and share some of their favorite recipes they make for their own families when they're entertaining at home.

Selling more than 18 million albums to date, McBride has garnered six No. 1 hits and twenty top 10 singles as well as earned fourteen Gold, nine Platinum, three Double Platinum and two Triple Platinum certifications. McBride is also the author of two cookbooks: *Martina's Kitchen Mix: My Recipe Playlist for Real Life* and *Around the Table*, which she'll sign during her **Book Signing**. Multiple cookbook author Florence will also take part in a **Book Signing** and Saturday's **Harvest Night**.

**Scott Conant**, who was also a *Food & Wine* Best New Chef, will lead an interactive **Cooking Demo**, host a **Book Signing** and serve a signature dish featuring his award-winning Italian cuisine, during **Harvest Night**.

Music City Food + Wine Festival is proud to announce the addition of some of the city's most beloved chefs and restaurants, including chefs **Brandon Frohne** (Holler & Dash Biscuit House); **Genevieve Ingham** (Sur La Table); **Jay Pennington** (Urban Grub); **Jeffery Chambless Rhodes** (Liberty Common); and **Andrew Wiseheart** (Ladybird Taco), who will be cooking Friday, September 20.

Sunday's **Gospel Brunch** will also welcome chefs **RJ Cooper** (Saint Stephen); **Laurence Faber** (The Barn at Blackberry Farm); **Romain Fournel** (Stompin Grounds Market); **Genevieve Ingham**; and **Emma Livingston** (The Old School Nashville), each serving up Sunday brunch favorites.

### **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. Ticket prices are inclusive of all food and drink.

The **All-In Ticket** (\$525 per person) enables guests to experience the full weekend of Music City Food + Wine Festival programming, including Friday and Saturday festival access; the Friday Night Throwdown; interactive cooking demos & book signings; hands-on beer, wine and cocktail tasting sessions; tastes from Nashville's best chefs & restaurants; 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 20 Festival programming at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, including interactive cooking demos & book signings; Friday Night Throwdown; hands-on beer, wine and cocktail tasting sessions; tastes from over Nashville's best chefs & restaurants; and more.

The **Saturday Ticket** (\$165 per person) includes single-day access to Saturday, September 21 festival programming at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, including interactive cooking demos & book signings; hands-on beer, wine and cocktail tasting sessions; tastes from Nashville's best chefs & restaurants; and more.

**Harvest Night Ticket** (\$275 per person) is available as a stand-alone ticket option for Saturday evening, September 21. Harvest Night brings together signature dishes from world-renowned chefs from Nashville and across the country with a live musical performance.

**Gospel Brunch** (\$85 per person) is available as a stand-alone ticket for Sunday, September 22, at Walk of Fame Park. Gospel Brunch features 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.

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