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NEARLY 50,000 ATTENDEES HELPED EAT. DRINK. END HUNGER. AT THE FOOD NETWORK & COOKING CHANNEL NEW YORK CITY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY CAPITAL ONE

- NYCWFF Celebrated its 11th Year October 11 – 14, 2018 -

New York, NY (October, 2018) – The 11th annual [Food Network & Cooking Channel New York City Wine & Food Festival presented by Capital One](#) (NYCWFF) took over the Big Apple October 11 thru the 14, drawing nearly 50,000 passionate fans, media and industry professionals to over 75 events benefiting No Kid Hungry® and Food Bank For New York City. Attendees enjoyed a variety of offerings, including signature tastings, late-night parties, hands-on classes, specially-curated panel discussions, and more throughout the gourmet weekend.

The entire Festival was full of highlights at every event, but a sampling of memories made over the weekend included:

- Chefs and Food Network personalities Giada De Laurentiis, Alex Guarnaschelli, Katie Lee, and Rachael Ray joined social justice advocate and Me Too movement creator Tarana Burke on stage at the [Supper is Served](#) kick-off event on Thursday, October 11. Artists **Natasha Bedingfield**, known for her songs “Pocketful of Sunshine” and “Unwritten”, and Billboard country chart-topper and multi-time Grammy Award nominee **Martina McBride** performed a selection of their most empowering hits for 2,500 attendees who enjoyed fare from more than 25 of the nation’s top female chefs carving a path for future generations.
- The fan-favorite **Blue Moon Burger Bash presented by Pat LaFrieda Meats hosted by Rachael Ray** crowned two new champions on Friday, October 12. Judges David Burtka, Neil Patrick Harris, Geoffrey Zakarian and Andrew Zimmern selected Citi Field – Home of the New York Mets as this year’s Pat LaFrieda’s 2018 NYCWFF Burger Bash® Champion for their Sliders & Sinkers entry. Attendees chose Clinton Hall as this year’s Blue Moon People’s Choice Award-winner for their entry The Double Smashed burger, which was served with classic French fries.
- Chefs and Food Network personalities Alton Brown, Giada De Laurentiis, Bobby Flay and Ina Garten hosted [Food Network’s Rooftop Birthday Party](#) on Saturday, October 13. They were joined on stage by Anne Burrell, Scott Conant, Alex Guarnaschelli, Katie Lee, Jeff Mauro, Marc Murphy, Geoffrey Zakarian, Andrew Zimmern and more for a special toast and star-studded rendition of “Happy Birthday” to pay tribute to the prominent role Food Network has played in redefining the nation’s relationship with food.
- Foodie fans of all ages gathered on Sunday, October 14 at **Coca-Cola Backyard BBQ presented by National Beef and Pat LaFrieda Meats hosted by Billy Durney and Pat LaFrieda**. In addition to face-painting, pumpkin-carving and carnivorous creations from more than 30 grill maetros, Nick’s Lobster House took home The Coca-Cola Backyard BBQ Award for their grilled octopus and red cabbage slaw.

Several other stand-out moments capped off the star-studded weekend, including New York broadcast personalities **Elvis Duran** of Z100 Radio and **Rosanna Scotto** of *Good Day New York* hosting **Chelsea Night Market presented by Alfa Romeo**, an in-depth conversation about immigration and hospitality during a panel curated by **Andrew Zimmern** and moderated by political commentator **Ana Navarro** during **Beverage Media presents Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits**

Trade Tasting hosted by Wine Spectator, a Breakfast Pajama Party for the whole family hosted by TODAY's **Dylan Dreyer** and **Sheinelle Jones**, **Twitter presents #CRAVINGSFEST by CHRISSY TEIGEN** to celebrate the release of Teigen's new cookbook *Cravings: Hungry for More* (Clarkson Potter, September 2018), the first-ever Festival **Drag Brunch presented by ABSOLUT GRAPEFRUIT®** hosted by **Countess Luann de Lesseps**, and much more.

Save the Date: The 12th annual NYCWFF will take place October 10 – 13, 2019! Stay up to date by following the conversation along all year on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using @NYCWFF/#NYCWFF.

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About the Food Network & Cooking Channel New York City Wine & Food Festival presented by Capital One

The Food Network & Cooking Channel New York City Wine & Food Festival presented by Capital One is hosted by and benefits the No Kid Hungry® campaign and Food Bank For New York City, with 100% of the Festival's net proceeds helping fight hunger. The Festival has raised more than \$11 million to date for these hunger-relief organizations. Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits is the exclusive provider of wine and spirits at the Festival. In September 2018, *BizBash* named the Festival the #3 Food & Restaurant Industry event in the United States for the sixth year in a row. More information on the Festival can be found at nycwff.org.