

GUILD HALL'S POPULAR *STIRRING THE POT* CULINARY SERIES WITH FLORENCE FABRICANT RETURNS IN JULY AND AUGUST WITH DANIEL HUMM, GIADA DE LAURENTIIS, PAM WEEKES AND CONNIE MCDONALD OF LEVAIN BAKERY, AND MARCUS SAMUELSSON

July 15, 2024 —East Hampton, NY — Guild Hall (158 Main Street, East Hampton) has announced the return of their popular series of culinary conversations, *Stirring the Pot*, hosted by *New York Times* food and wine writer Florence Fabricant. The series, now in its 14th year and after two years offsite, will return to the newly renovated theater for a series of four insightful and entertaining talks including Chef Daniel Humm of Eleven Madison Park, Emmy award-winning TV personality and *New York Times* best-selling author and founder of Gjadzy, Giada De Laurentiis, Pam Weekes and Connie McDonald of Levain Bakery, and chef, TV personality, philanthropist, and newly inducted member of Guild Hall's Academy of the Arts, Marcus Samuelsson.

The series will begin on Sunday, July 28 at 11 AM with the award-winning chef and owner of Make It Nice and the highly acclaimed Eleven Madison Park, Daniel Humm. Chef Humm's appearance is a repeat for Guild Hall, first when his EMP Summer House pop-up was in East Hampton. He has now become a resident of Montauk. His Manhattan menu has notably shifted to be plant-based, and the topic of conversation will be discussing the change, why it happened, and what it has taken to achieve, with great advice for those in the audience who plan more vegan cooking and dining. He may be persuaded to talk about his new restaurant, and Clementine, his new upstairs bar.

Chef and restaurateur Giada De Laurentiis, an Emmy award-winning TV personality, *New York Times* best-selling author, and founder of [Gjadzy](#), will take the stage on August 4. Giada will discuss her career, specifically Gjadzy, her line of Italian products just coming to market, and she will speak about her restaurant Giada, which has locations in Las Vegas and Scottsdale. All attendees will receive a special code to redeem a free box of pasta on [Gjadzy.com](#).

The third installation will feature Pam Weekes and Connie McDonald of Levain Bakery on Sunday, August 18. The accomplished bakers have made bread for some of NYC's favorite restaurants before eventually opening a small bakery, which has become a chain with an outlet in Wainscott. They are known for their famous industrial-strength 6-ounce cookies, and those attending this event will receive a sampling.

The series finale will present chef, TV personality, philanthropist, and newly inducted member of Guild Hall's Academy of the Arts, Marcus Samuelsson on Sunday, August 25. Samuelsson's restaurant portfolio is global, with the latest Metropolis, which was designed by Amagansett resident David Rockwell, founder and president The Rockwell Group, at the new Perelam Arts Center, supported by and named for East Hampton resident Ronald O. Perelman. David Rockwell will join the conversation as a special bonus guest.

“The prospect of returning to Guild Hall, now beautifully renovated, is a thrilling milestone for this series. I look forward to welcoming an audience of repeat followers and newcomers,” shares host Florence Fabricant.

Stirring the Pot will include a complimentary breakfast provided by Citarella, which will be served at 10 AM.

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 11AM:

DANIEL HUMM OF ELEVEN MADISON PARK

\$35 (\$31.50 For Members)

<https://www.guildhall.org/events/stirring-the-pot-daniel-humm/>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 11AM

GIADA DE LAURENTIIS

\$35 (\$31.50 For Members)

<https://www.guildhall.org/events/stirring-the-pot-giada-de-laurentiis/>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 11AM:

PAM WEEKES AND CONNIE MCDONALD OF LEVIAN BAKERY

\$35 (\$31.50 For Members)

<https://www.guildhall.org/events/stirring-the-pot-pam-weekes-and-connie-mcdonald/>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 11AM

MARCUS SAMUELSSON & DAVID ROCKWELL

\$35 (\$31.50 For Members)

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ABOUT FLORENCE FABRICANT

Florence Fabricant, a food and wine writer for *The New York Times*, contributes the weekly Front Burner and Off the Menu columns, is a member of the wine panel and writes the pairings column for the wine tastings. She frequently writes features that appear in the Food section and also covers food and travel elsewhere in the Times. She has written 13 cookbooks. This spring, her latest, *The Ladies Village Improvement Society Cookbook: Eating and Entertaining in East Hampton* to celebrate the 125th anniversary of LVIS was published by Rizzoli. Other books include *Wine with Food*, based on the New York Times pairings columns and written with Eric Asimov and *The City Harvest Cookbook*, both published by Rizzoli. She actually began her career as a food writer in East Hampton, contributing the column In Season to the East Hampton Star. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Smith College, she has an M.A. in French from New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She holds L'Ordre National du Mérite from the French government, is on the Board of Trustees of Guild Hall in East Hampton, N.Y., and is a member of Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America. (New York, NY). She and her husband, Richard, a retired lawyer, live in Manhattan and East Hampton, N.Y. They have two children and two grandchildren.

ABOUT GUILD HALL

Guild Hall is the cultural heart of the East End: a museum, performing arts, and education center, founded in 1931. We invite everyone to experience the endless possibilities of the arts: to open minds to what art can be; inspire creativity and conversation; and have fun.

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