RICANDO CHEF CONSULTANT PODCASTER BLOGGER SPEAKER TRAVEL HOST MUSICIAN



Ric Orlando has been called the Pioneer of Hudson Valley Farm to Table.

His tireless work in promoting the farms, products, people, and beauty of the Upstate NY region combined with his quirky sense of humor and rock and roll pedigree has made him one of the leading culinary spokespeople and best foodie draws for events, fundraisers and festivals.

Ric currently consults, curates and cooks at **New World Bistro Bar** in Albany NY. He has won **The Albany Times Union Reader's Poll Best Chef** 5 years in a row from 2015-2019.

He also hosts a popular **podcast "One Million Stringbeans"** which is listed as one of the **Top 20 Chef Podcasts for 2020 by Feedspot.**

Ric is a member of the **Hannaford Supermarkets Chef's Table**, developing recipes and videos to raise money for food support for children in the Northeast.

In the media, Ric's Potato Latkes **Beat Bobby Flay** on the Food Network and he also won on Chopped twice including the first round of the inaugural **Chopped Champions.**

In the **2013 World Food Championships, Next Top Product Category,** his Eggplant "Meatballs" won the top prize for the Northeast region. He also has appeared over a dozen times on the **NBC TODAY** show, **PBS's Simply Ming,** NPR, Discovery, MTV, Sirius Radio, as well as many other regional media appearances. He regularly guests on **WAMC Northeast Public Radio**'s popular Food Friday call in show.

Ric produced, wrote and starred in the 13- episode regional Public Television series **Ric Orlando's TV Kitchen** and the companion book **We Want Clean Food**. He has many short videos on **Instagram TV** and **You Tube** and has also done a **TEDX talk**, all available on his YouTune channel. He also contributes to many regional and national food blogs include **Isante Magazine.**

He currently is developing and licensing a line of **Culinary Destinations** soap scents for the **Rad Soap Co.**

Starting in 2018, Ric has been hosting **Food Tours** to some of his favorite locations. So far he has brought groups to New Orleans and Sicily on total Foodie immersion experiences.

Ric brings his colorful 80's Punk Rock personality to every appearance he makes.