



Best Bites

for



A Delicious Competition to Benefit Bounce Children's Foundation!

Friday, February 21st 7:00pm - 10:00pm

The Old Post Office
The Telegram Lounge
433 W. VanBuren St., Chicago, IL 60607

Join Regionally & Nationally renowned chefs as they present their favorite bites. Sample all and cast your vote!

While dining and taking in beautiful views of the Chicago River, enjoy Live Music, Signature Cocktails, Mystery Gift Bags, amazing Raffle Prizes, outstanding Silent Auction Items, and a chance to meet a Bounce Family!

Bounce excited to have Chicago's very own "Food Guy", Steve Dolinsky, as the Emcee for Best Bites 2025.



- 13 James Beard Awards for TV, radio & podcast work
- Food Guy for NBC5, Thursdays at 10:00 pm
- 17 years as Hungry Hound on ABC7
- Co-Creator/Co-Host The Feed with Chef Rick Bayless
- 1 of 26 Academy Chairs for World's 50 Best Restaurants
- Featured Expert: Chicago Tribune; NPR's The World; Food & Wine Magazine; Classic in Aspen; NYC Wine & Food Fest

Meet the Talented Chefs Who Will be Competing



STEVE CHIAPETTI
Best Bites 2024 Champion
Executive Chef
The Albert

- Acclaimed in The New York Times, USA Today, and Food & Wine Magazine
- Regular on The Today Show



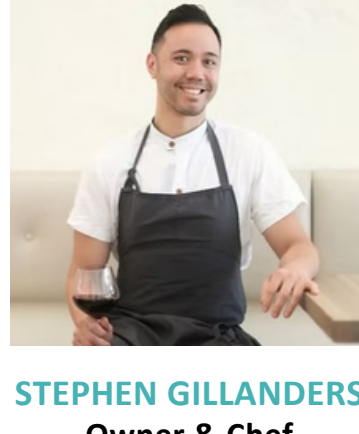
JIM CHURCHES
Two Time Best Bites Champion
Senior Corporate Executive Chef
Land O'Lakes, Inc.

- Culinary Advisory Board Member & Contributor for Chef Magazine
- American Culinary Federation Excellence in Food Service Winner



SETH MINTON
Executive Chef
Signature

- Participated in the 2024 Meals on Wheels Chicago Celebrity Chef Ball
- Trained at the World Renowned Ailena



STEPHEN GILLANDERS
Owner & Chef
S.K.Y. Restaurant Group

- Owner of Two Michelin Guide Featured Restaurants
- Nominated for the 2025 Jean Banchet Best Chef Award



NICK JIRASEK
Executive Chef
Meli Café

- Called "one of the city's most exciting chefs" by Time Out Magazine
- Personal Chef to Artist & Actor Tony Fitzpatrick



PATRICK WASSERMAN
Executive Chef
Double Clutch (Vandaley Group)

- National Restaurant Association Salute to Excellence Award Winner
- Graduated at the Top of his Culinary School Class



GIOVANNI LABBATE
Owner & Executive Chef
Tievoli Pizza Bar

- 2024 California Pizza Challenge Winner
- Competing in the World Pizza Championship in Italy this April



GREG GAARDBO
Owner & Executive Chef
Chicago Culinary Kitchen

- Rated #1 BBQ in Illinois by Chicago Eater
- Rated #1 Suburban Restaurant by Money Magazine

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