

Chicago chefs rally to plan 'Chicago Chefs Cook for Puerto Rico' and raise funds for World Central Kitchen

The event takes place September 28 and will be emceed by chef Art Smith and Sylvia Perez, and feature eclectic cuisine from some of Chicago's best chefs

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES, September 24, 2022 / EINPresswire.com/ -- On the heels of Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray, Chicago's hospitality community is mobilizing to organize [Chicago Chefs Cook for Puerto Rico](#) and raise funds for [World Central Kitchen's](#) (WCK) relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona. After raising over \$110,000 for Health Professionals Network for Tigray (HPN4Tigray) this week, participants quickly turned their focus to Puerto Rico — where Hurricane Fiona has left more than 1 million people without power and running water. The benefit will take place Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 6pm-9pm at the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture (NMPRAC) and is organized by chef Tony Priolo (Piccolo Sogno), chef Sarah Stegner (Prairie Grass Cafe), Eda Davidman, Darren Gest, Jodi Fyfe (The Paramount Group), Yvonne Cádiz-Kim, Kristi Katz (WCK), and Billy Ocasio (NMPRAC).

Ticket holders will enjoy music, cocktails, and diverse cuisine from chef Bill Kim, chef Devon Quinn, chef Tigist Reda, chef Paul



The incredible lineup of chefs from Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray on September 21, 2022 who are now turning their focus to help Puerto Rico.



A dish from last week's Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray event, which raised over \$110,000.

Virant, and more. Chef Monti Carlo, known for her work as a special events chef, senior food editor for Budget Bytes, and author of the forthcoming cookbook, Spanglish, will be in attendance as special guest chef.

Chicago Chefs Cook for Puerto Rico will proudly be hosted at the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture, the only self-standing museum in the nation showcasing Puerto Rican arts and cultural exhibitions year-round. The mission of NMPRAC is dedicated to “the promotion, integration and advancement of Puerto Rican arts and culture, presenting exhibitions and programming created to enhance the visibility and importance of the rich Puerto Rican arts tradition.” Use of the iconic landmark building from the 1800s has been graciously donated by Billy Ocasio, CEO of the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture, who shared his concern for the humanitarian crisis in Puerto Rico. “Working together with Chicago Chefs Cook and World Central Kitchen, Chicagoans have the power to magnify our impact and save lives in Puerto Rico,” said Billy. “Food brings people together, and with Chicago Chefs Cook for Puerto Rico, some of the top chefs in Chicago are coming together to help feed our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters while they recover from the devastation of another hurricane.”

Proceeds from Chicago Chefs Cook for Puerto Rico will fund disaster relief projects headed by World Central Kitchen, founded by chef and humanitarian José Andrés. WCK works to be the “first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises”, and is currently aiding those affected and displaced by Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Turks & Caicos, Bermuda, and Nova Scotia.

CHEF LINEUP (MORE TO COME)

Art Smith: Reunion

Bill Kim: Urban Belly

Casey Doody: GT Prime, GT Fish & Oyster

Cely Rodriguez: The Jibarito Stop

Cristiano Bassani: Gene & Georgetti

Dan Raskin: Manny's Deli

Devon Quinn: Eden

Erick Williams: Virtue, Daisy's Po' Boy and Tavern

Heather Bublick & D'Andre Carter: Soul & Smoke

Jason Hammel: Lula Cafe

Martial Noguier: Bistronomic



Chefs preparing dishes at the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture, the location of Chicago Chefs Cook for Puerto Rico on September 28, 2022



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Billy Ocasio, CEO of the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture

Nikolaos Kapernaros & Louie Alexakis: Avli on The Park
Paul Virant: Vistro Prime
Sam Rattanopas: NaKorn
Sarah Stegner & George Bumbaris: Prairie Grass Cafe
Tigist Reda: Demera
Tony Priolo: Piccolo Sogno

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[Click here](#) for images from Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray, which took place on September 21, 2022.

TICKET SALES + INFO

Tickets are \$155 per person and can be purchased at the door or by visiting [www.nmprac.org/events/chicago-chefs-](http://www.nmprac.org/events/chicago-chefs-cook-for-puerto-rico)

[cook-for-puerto-rico](#). The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture is located at 3015 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60622. Attire is casual and parking will be onsite, along with street parking.

ABOUT NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PUERTO RICAN ARTS & CULTURE

The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture serves as a cultural center for all people, including residents of Chicago and visitors from across the world; it connects diasporic arts, culture, and history to evolving generations. The key to the success and sustainability of arts and culture in Chicago is the creation of institutions that celebrate diverse cultural traditions and nurture their contributions to the arts and culture of our city. The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture does just this – preserving and expressing the vibrancy of Puerto Rican culture and celebrating the contributions of Puerto Ricans in the economic, artistic, cultural, educational, and social development of the City of Chicago and the nation.

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