



IN MIDTOWN | JUNE 1-4, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 25, 2017

**IT'S THE FINAL COUNTDOWN: LESS THAN TWO WEEKS UNTIL  
THE LEGENDARY ATLANTA FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL TASTING TENTS**

*Taste the best flavors of the South*

**ATLANTA** – Designed to take guests on an epicurean journey through the South, Atlanta Food & Wine Festival's beloved Tasting Tents are a one-of-a-kind tasting experience that will take place during the four-day weekend event. Returning to Piedmont Park's Greensward Promenade area, the Tasting Tent ticket is unlike any other festival offering - giving guests access to an all-you-can-eat-and-drink-and-indulge from the region's top chefs and purveyors. The Greensward Promenade is an ideal backdrop to the delicious themes, live music and interactive experiences available throughout the Tasting Tents. The 2017 Tasting Tents are scheduled in the evening this year from 7:30 – 10:30 pm on Friday and from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Saturday. Sunday's Tasting Tent session will round out the weekend from 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

"We have a big story to tell when it comes to food and drink, and we have a lot of fun curating the Tasting Tents with the region's leading Chefs and Exhibitors," said Festival Co-Founder Dominique Love. "Each year, Festival-goers are invited and encouraged to indulge in all that is Southern."

This year's Tasting Tents will explore Main Street favorites, including: bakeries, butcher shops, road side cuisine, and hand-picked Southern purveyors. Fox Bros. Bar-B-Q will light up the grill for another edition of the **Live Fire Tailgate**, a celebration of the South's favorite all-day ritual with a smorgasbord of meats, fish and veggies cooked over open-fire, smokers and Big Green Eggs. The **Road Trip Tent** will feature an expanded footprint with delicious bites from each state across the South. Beverage options will abound with pop-up wine stations, craft brewers, distillers and a pick-your-own garnish **Cocktail Garden**. The Festival **Connoisseur Tent** will provide an intimate setting for Connoisseur passholders to eat, drink and mingle with award-winning chefs, barkeeps, sommeliers from the Festival Advisory Council throughout the weekend.

New Tasting Tent participants joining the Advisory Council and returning Talent to include:

Jamie Adams – Atlanta, GA  
Sunny Baweja – Short Pump, VA  
Lindsay Beck – Greenville, SC  
Lydia Clopton – Wilmington, NC  
Teddy Diggs – Chapel Hill, NC  
Ron Duprat – U.S. Virgin Islands  
Tony Galzin – Nashville, TN  
Shaun Garcia – Greenville, SC  
Christopher Grossman – Atlanta, GA  
Bobby Hodge – Florence, SC  
Franke Jones – Charlotte, NC  
Nathan Lemley – Austin, TX

Blair Machado – Charleston, SC  
Andrew McCabe – Louisville, KY  
Zach Meloy – Atlanta, GA  
Idris Muhammad – Atlanta, GA  
Sachi Nakato Takahara – Atlanta, GA  
Patrick O'Cain – Asheville, NC  
Brandon Rushing – Edisto Beach, SC  
Mary Jennifer Russell – New Albany, MS  
Jon Schwenk – Atlanta, GA  
Brandon Velie – Ridge Spring, SC  
Jason Zygmunt – Nashville, TN

For a complete list of Tasting Tent Chefs and Exhibitors, please visit [www.atlfoodandwinefestival.com/experiences/tasting/](http://www.atlfoodandwinefestival.com/experiences/tasting/).

Southern food and drink lovers can customize their Atlanta Food & Wine Festival experience by making it an afternoon, a day or a whole weekend. Individual Tasting Tent Passes begin at \$100 and include access to unlimited tastes and sips from the South's top chefs and purveyors. For detailed ticket information, visit the Festival ticketing website at [www.atlfoodandwinefestival.com/tickets](http://www.atlfoodandwinefestival.com/tickets). Follow Atlanta Food & Wine Festival on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). #KnowTheSouth #AFWF17

**About Atlanta Food & Wine Festival**

Launched in 2010, by Atlanta entrepreneurs Dominique Love and Elizabeth Feichter, the Atlanta Food & Wine Festival is a four-day culinary experience dedicated to shining an international spotlight on the rich food and beverage traditions of the South from Texas to the District of Columbia. With an Advisory Council of 91 award-winning talent from 13 Southern states and the District of Columbia, the Atlanta Food & Wine Festival is one part conference and one part party, offering carefully-crafted programs and events to entertain and educate consumers about Southern food and drink. The Festival also celebrates the flavors of other

Southern regions around the globe including Southern Europe, South Africa, South America, Southern Hemisphere (Australia and New Zealand) and South-of-the-Border for Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Caribbean. The Atlanta Food & Wine Festival is a member of the IWSC Group North America's portfolio of events.

**Media Contacts:** Tara Murphy, Katherine Johnson, and Brenda Richards | 360 Media, Inc. - 404-577-8868 or [info@360media.net](mailto:info@360media.net)

# # #