



"Tony May Scholarship for Italian Culinary Studies"

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SD26



5TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING BASH!

Join **Tony May & Marisa May** and the **James Beard Foundation**
for a One-Night-Only Fundraising Extravaganza!

An Evening of Italian Fare, Wines, Spirits and Live Music to Enue: Proceeds to Benefit JBF and Brand New Scholarship! An exciting event happening at SD26 on next Tuesday Jan 20th, 2015. Tony and Marisa May are set to launch a brand new scholarship dedicated to keeping the legacy of fine Italian cuisine alive! In partnership with the James Beard Foundation, a fundraiser for the scholarship, will take place at SD26 on Tuesday January 20th from 6pm 11pm. Tickets are \$95 (all inclusive) and \$75 for James Beard Foundation members

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"It feels like just yesterday that we opened the doors to SD26 but now with five years under our belts, we feel it's important to look forward to our industry's future in Italian Culinary Arts. Promoting education has always been something close to my heart, whether through my work with the Culinary Institute of America or with my culinary school in Italy. With this new scholarship program I hope to ensure that the legacy of fine Italian cuisine lives on," stated Tony May, founder and co-owner of SD26.

Guests can expect troves of delicious Italian fare by SD26's longtime Executive Chef Matteo Bergamini, including housemade Porchetta, roasted suckling pig, Sorana Beans &

Shrimp Salad with rosemary and olive oil, Veal filled "Ravioli del Plin" with butter and sage and Braised Beef Cheeks "Alla Vaccinara." Their in-house pizzaiolo Alfonso Caruso will be offering pizza-making tutorials in their kitchen all night long, giving guests unprecedented access to the behind-the-scenes of SD26. Italian wines will be hand selected by their sommelier to complement the evening along with top spirits and signature cocktails.

Dancing shoes are not required but are encouraged, as live music from Hoffman Basentini Ensemble featuring Alice Ricciardi and DJ Leo from Rome will radiate all night long. A copy of Tony May's acclaimed book *Italian Cuisine: The New Essential Reference to the Riches of the Italian Table*, will also be gifted to those in attendance and raffle tickets will be sold for a variety of exclusive prizes.

A portion of all proceeds will be dedicated to this new scholarship program for students interested in pursuing studies in Italian culinary arts through an accredited school. Donations can also be made directly to the cause by sending a check payable to James Beard Foundation c/o Tony May Scholarship. The James Beard Foundation is located at 6 West 18th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10011.

To purchase tickets please call SD26 at 212-265-5959 or visit [>>](#) [2]

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