## A Taste of Parma in NYC



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For the occasion of the first Italian Cuisine Week Worldwide, the flavors of Parma are traveling to New York City, in a joint effort of the Mayor of the city of Parma, <u>Federico Pizzarotti</u> [6], the Parma Alimentare consortium and Barilla Restaurants. <u>Parma Alimentare</u> [7]is the promotional consortium which coordinates the initiative and has the mission of promoting the world famous Food Valley.

Together, they will host a special gastronomic event on November 17thto celebrate the city of Parma at Barilla Restaurant - Herald Square.

The evening will take food journalists, bloggers, travel operators and professionals of the food industry on a journey to discover the Parma Excellences.

Michelin-starred Chef Massimo Spigaroli [8], will top the event with a creative menu featuring products typical of Parma, including Parmigiano Reggiano DPO, Prosciutto di Parma DPO, Delicius Rizzoli Anchovy Fillets, Coppini Arte Olearia (Olive oil), Lambrusco wine and Barilla Pasta that will surprise the finest palates.

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On November 17&18 for Lunch & Dinner with a Complimentary
Parmigiano Reggiano PDO, Prosciutto di Parma DOP & Delicius Anchovy's crostini Platters
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