



2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival
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Pro Chefs to Square Off in the Garlic Showdown

July 26, 2016 (Gilroy, CA): Professional chefs will battle in the iron chef-style Garlic Showdown cooking competition at high noon on Sunday, July 31, at the 38th annual Gilroy Garlic Festival. Each contestant will have to prepare a dish using a top-secret ingredient (along with plenty of garlic, of course). The winner will receive a \$3,000 prize. Three-time Showdown champion chef Jason Gronlund will emcee the event on the Garlic Cook-Off Stage.



Adam Sanchez is Co-Owner and Executive Chef at The Milias Restaurant in downtown Gilroy. Back in 2001, on a dare, Adam entered the Gilroy Garlic Festival Great Garlic Cook-Off Contest. To his surprise, his "Garlic Marnier Duck Pot Stickers" won first place, earning him \$1,000 and the prized garlic crown. Buoyed by that success, Sanchez continued pursuing his passion and opened The Milias in 2011 with Ann Zyburra, his friend and business partner. Together, Sanchez and Zyburra have revived this downtown landmark to its former glory. Ann Zyburra will serve as sous-chef in this year's Garlic Showdown.



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Michael Fisher is the Owner and Executive Chef of Fisher's Delicatessen and Catering in Hollister, California. A Hollister native, Fisher was classically trained at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, France. His culinary career has taken him to prestigious kitchens such as The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia; the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego; Bernardus Lodge and Spa in Carmel Valley; and Restaurant Daniel in New York City. Mike has returned to the central coast to open Fisher's Restaurant and Catering, offering a farm-to-table dining experience in Hollister and surrounding areas.



Andrea Froncillo is Owner/Executive Chef at Bobo's in San Francisco. Chef Froncillo was born in a small seaside town outside Naples, Italy and learned to cook from his "Nonna," who passed on her passion for life and cooking to her grandson. Andrea received his formal culinary training and graduated with honors from E.N.A.L.C. in Trieste, Italy. He found his way to the United States in 1978 and settled in North Beach. Andrea became the executive chef of Calzone's, The Stinking Rose, the Crab House at Pier 39, The Dead Fish, and Bobo's. He has made many appearances on national and local news channels and cooking shows. Andrea currently resides in North Beach and travels to Italy several times a year in search of new trends in food.



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Yu Min Lin is Executive Chef at The Sea by Alexander's Steakhouse in Palo Alto, California. Chef Lin, now 37 years old, grew up in Taiwan and trained in Japan. In 2008, together with Chef Michael Cimarusti, he defeated the most famous Iron Chef, Masaharu Morimoto, in "Battle Black Fish" on the Food Network's Iron Chef America program. At The Sea by Alexander's Steakhouse, Chef Lin presents a fine dining seafood-focused menu prepared with premium quality ingredients and techniques that distinguished his work at the Michelin two-star restaurant Providence located in Los Angeles.

The 2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival, presented by Raley's, Bel Air and Nob Hill Foods, will run from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 29-31, at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy, California. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors 60+ and children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are admitted free. Parking is \$10 per vehicle and includes shuttle buses to and from the Festival entrance. Gates close at 6:00 pm.

Tickets are available online at www.gilroygarlicfestival.com and at participating Raley's, Bel Air, and Nob Hill Foods stores.

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About the Gilroy Garlic Festival

The 38th Annual Gilroy Garlic Festival will be held July 29, 30, and 31, 2016, at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy, California. Presented by Raley's, Bel Air, and Nob Hill Foods, this annual event draws tens of thousands of guests from around the world for a three-day celebration of great garlicky food, live entertainment, and fun for the whole family. For more information, see www.gilroygarlicfestival.com.

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