

## DC Central Kitchen's Capital Food Fight comes to The Anthem for 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Tickets on sale now at [capitalfoodfight.org](http://capitalfoodfight.org) for charitable fundraiser presented by Smithfield Foods on November 8, 2018*

**September 12, 2018 – Washington, D.C.** – Tickets to DC's most anticipated charitable event, Capital Food Fight, are now on sale. For the event's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, DC Central Kitchen will move the star-studded fundraiser to the city's hottest new venue, The Anthem, located on the southwest waterfront. Presented by Smithfield Foods, the Capital Food Fight brings together over 1,200 guests to taste food and drink from more than 80 of DC's best restaurants and mixologists while enjoying live onstage entertainment. Voted "Best Charity Event" in DC by The Washington City Paper 2016 Readers' Poll, Capital Food Fight returns for its 15<sup>th</sup> year on November 8, 2018 for a night of live culinary entertainment, delectable eats, and fighting hunger in Washington, DC.

"DC Central Kitchen's Capital Food Fight celebrates great food for a great cause," said Keira Lombardo, vice president of corporate affairs for Smithfield Foods. "As an American food company, we are proud to once again support this event as we work to fulfill our social purpose to improve food security and end hunger."

This year's celebrity hosts include event founder and chair, José Andrés, and Spike Mendelsohn. Four more local chefs will go head-to-head in a live culinary battle judged by Executive Producer of Bravo's "Top Chef," Tom Colicchio, Washington Nationals' Ryan Zimmerman, and more judges to be announced. Tommy McFly, host of DC's hit morning radio program, "The Tommy Show," will serve as Master of Ceremonies along with co-hosts Kelly Collis and Jen Richer who will serve as roaming "field" reporters throughout the spectacular event.

The live culinary battle will feature local chefs Kyle Bailey (The Salt Line), Autumn Cline (Rappahannock Oyster Company), Alex McCoy (Lucky Buns), and Kevin Tien (Himitsu) who will prepare dishes featuring surprise secret ingredients and compete for the votes of these celebrity judges.

"I have always been a huge fan of this particular fundraiser, and all of the cool people that put it on, and now we get the chance to make it even more fun," said Seth Hurwitz, chairman of I.M.P. and owner of The Anthem and the 9:30 Club. "Now it's like getting to have the best party of the year at my house."

Visit [www.capitalfoodfight.org](http://www.capitalfoodfight.org) today to purchase tickets. 100% of event proceeds benefit DC Central Kitchen's efforts to provide culinary job training to unemployed adults, turn wasted food into balanced meals for shelters and nonprofits, and bring healthy local foods to underserved DC neighborhoods.

**What:** DC Central Kitchen's Capital Food Fight

**When:** Thursday, November 8, 2018 – 6:00pm

**Where:** The Anthem – 901 Wharf Street SW, Washington, DC

**Tickets:** \$275, available online at [www.capitalfoodfight.org](http://www.capitalfoodfight.org)

To learn more about DC Central Kitchen or #capitalfoodfight, follow @dcck on Twitter, or visit [www.dccentralkitchen.org](http://www.dccentralkitchen.org).

### **About DC Central Kitchen**

As the nation's first and leading community kitchen, DC Central Kitchen develops and operates social ventures targeting the cycle of hunger and poverty. The organization's life-changing ventures provide culinary training to jobless adults, turn wasted food into balanced meals for shelters and nonprofits, expand access to healthy food, and provide healthy, scratch-cooked meals in low-income schools. These efforts have been recognized with the leading national award for healthy school food innovation, [The Golden Carrot](#); the Washington Business Journal's Green Business Award for Innovation; and the DC Chamber of Commerce's Community Impact Award. To learn more, visit [www.dccentralkitchen.org](http://www.dccentralkitchen.org) or follow [@dcck on Twitter](#).

### **About Smithfield Foods**

Smithfield Foods is a \$15 billion global food company and the world's largest pork processor and hog producer. In the United States, the company is also the leader in numerous packaged meats categories with popular brands including Smithfield®, Eckrich®, Nathan's Famous®, Farmland®, Armour®, Farmer John®, Kretschmar®, John Morrell®, Cook's®, Gwaltney®, Carando®, Margherita®, Curly's®, Healthy Ones®, Morliny®, Krakus®, and Berlinki®. Smithfield Foods is committed to providing good food in a responsible way and maintains robust animal care, community involvement, employee safety, environmental and food safety and quality programs. For more information, visit [www.smithfieldfoods.com](http://www.smithfieldfoods.com), and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

### **About The Anthem**

Just blocks from the National Mall, The Anthem is the new \$60 million music venue at The Wharf on Southwest Washington, D.C.'s waterfront. The Anthem has a flexible capacity of anywhere from 2,500 to a maximum of 6,000—with many seated and general admission configurations. With full arena production and rigging capabilities, internationally touring artists such as Foo Fighters, Bob Dylan, The Killers, and Lorde are making The Anthem their stop while on upcoming arena tours. The Anthem has a few rows in the balconies that are Super Excellent™ Seats. Each seat is uniquely angled to face the stage at the exact perfect position. Owned by I.M.P., the company that owns the 9:30 Club and operates Merriweather Post Pavilion and the Lincoln Theatre, The Anthem is the first venue of its size in D.C. specifically built from the ground up for music and fills an important void in D.C.'s music scene. [www.theanthemdc.com](http://www.theanthemdc.com)

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