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Great Chef's Dinner = One Delicious Success



What's there to do on a Sunday night in the Hamptons, well plenty actually, but seriously when it comes to big benefits they're usually reserved for a jam-packed Saturday night. The clever organizers behind the annual **Great Chefs Dinner**, namely event founder **Lizz Salaway**, think outside of the box and know that Saturdays are packed and plan their annual event to benefit Jeff's Kitchen at the **Hayground School** for Sunday when social calendars are a bit lighter. Not only is the crowd fabulous but the guest chefs come from both the North Fork and the Hamptons bringing their scrumptious talents with them to share with the guests.

This year Chef **Eric Ripert**, famous chef/owner of Le Bernardin and guest judge on "Top Chef," headed the team of chefs creating the special seated dinner with **Joseph Realmuto** (Nick & Toni's), **Christian Mir** (Stone Creek Inn), and **Miche Bacher** (Sacred Sweets). Together these chefs put together a family style dinner of ceviche, striped bass, Hayground Salad, and tantalizing sweet endings each course paired with wines from Bedell Cellars. Eric explained that his ties to the Hayground School are pretty clear - his children "attend the summer camp and love to spend time in the kitchen and garden." For the charming Eric, who does not make the social rounds and prefers to spend low-key time with family, being part of this event is "giving back."

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Another famously handsome “Top Chef” was on hand with a delicious bite during the cocktail party, [Sam Talbot](#), as in the Season 2 winner and chef at Surf Lodge in Montauk. Sam brought a crab creation with blueberries, ginger, and crumpled popcorn - different and very tasty - and his sense of humor. He said that this was his “go-to” dish for big parties and that it’s “something that no one else ever does” so it’s become his “signature” cocktail party nosh. With his car, surfboards strapped to the roof of course, waiting and ready for the next destination, Sam told me that married life (to Columbian model wife [Paolo Guerrero](#)) was “wonderful” as he flashed his wedding ring. He also beamed when he talked about his restaurant, the Mondrian in SoHo, slated to open in 2010. Can’t wait to set that reservation.

Nearly 200 foodies dropped by for the cocktail party to sample tid-bits created by [Kevin Penner](#) (1770 House), [Brian Futerman](#) (Foody’s), [Cheryl Stair](#) (Art of Eating), [Andrew Engle](#) (The Laundry), [Tom Schaudel](#) (A Mano), [Jason Weiner](#) (Almond), [Michael Domitrovich](#) (Montauk Yacht Club), [Gerry Hayden](#) (North Fork Table and Inn) , [Jesse](#) and [Reed Boone](#) (Mark it with a G), [Michael Osinski](#) (Widows Hole Oysters), and [Michael Cavaniola](#) (Cavaniolas Gourmet). Cocktails came by way of Crop Vodka, Vine Wine + Café, Fire Island Beer, VOSS Water, TeaNY, and Thunder Island Coffee.



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- ◆ Heather Mills, Tim George Jr, Alex McCord, Isaac Mizrahi, Ashton Kutcher, Demi Moore, and Howard Stern in Hamptons
<http://tinyurl.com/r3kmlw> about 2 hours ago
- ◆ Spent a few hours poolside today enhancing the tan and prepping for Guild Hall's Art of Fashion in East Hampton on Friday. about 15 hours ago
- ◆ Eric Ripert (LeBernardin and Top Chef) and Sam Talbot (Top Chef) serve up noshes at Great Chefs Dinner - <http://tinyurl.com/nycuvs>. 1 day ago
- ◆ The bar pie at The Grille at Fishermans in Cutchogue is simply delish and perfect with a Blue Moon and bartender Bree makes a great Cosmo! 2 days ago
- ◆ Hamptons Great Chefs dinner had Sam Talbot of Top Chef and Eric Ripert of LeBernardin (Top Chef) mixing and whipping up delicious noshes. 2 days ago

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- ◆ August 13 - 9th Annual Southold Mother's Club "Mom's Night Out Chinese Auction" at Martha Clara Vineyard on Sound Avenue in Riverhead starting at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ August 14 - "The Art of Fashion in the Hamptons" opens at Guild Hall in East Hampton with the annual gala



One hundred lucky folks staying on for dinner including artist [April Gornik](#) and [Eric Fischl](#), [Toni Ross](#), [Kelly Killoren Bensimon](#) of “The Real Housewives of New York City,” Southampton Councilwoman [Anna Throne-Holst](#), event planner extraordinaire [Jill Gordon](#), and [Brenda Seimer Scheider](#). Between ticket sales and the evenings silent art auction to event raised well over \$60,000.



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evening. The exhibition features the work of nine of the world’s most influential fashion designers with ties to eastern Long Island: Tory Burch, Betsey Johnson, Donna Karan, Calvin Klein, Reed Krakoff, Ralph Lauren, Nicole Miller, Elie Tahari, and Vera Wang.

◆ August 16 - "Two Dudes Catering" of Food Network comes to Sole East at 6:00 p.m. to host *Food & Wine* magazine's Best New Chefs 2009 BBQ followed by Sunday Cinema.

◆ August 22 - "On Our Toes In The Hamptons" with Evidence Dance Company returns for their annual summer gala performance to the home of The Honorable Bernard and Joyce Jackson from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m..

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