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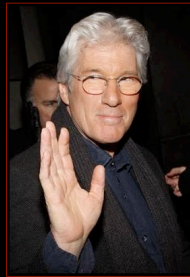
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THE HAMPTONS PARTY SCENE IS ON FIRE

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GREAT CHEFS DINNER



Richard Gere



Later that afternoon, there was an amazing confluence of culinary wizardry with the annual Great Chefs Dinner to raise funds for the Hayground School in Bridgehampton and to remember one of its co-founders, Jeff Salaway, the East End restaurateur (Nick & Toni's) who died in 2001. More than 60 percent of Hayground's students receive financial aid, and this annual benefit is an important source of revenue. For foodies, it was a day in heaven with rock star chefs like Eric Ripert, Tom Colicchio, Marc Meyer and Laurent Tourondel working alongside the cream of the crop of East End food scene

such as Miche Bacher (Sacred Sweets), Claudia Fleming (North Fork Table & Inn, Southold), Sam Talbot (Top Chef, Surf Lodge in Montauk), Kevin Penner (1770 House in East Hampton), Bryan Futerman (Foody's, Water Mill), Tom Schaudel (A Mano in Mattituck), Christian Mir (Stone Creek Inn in East Quogue), Joseph Realmuto (Nick & Toni's in East Hampton), Keith Luce (Luce & Hawkins in Jamesport), Steven Lewis (First Street Restaurant in Greenport) and Vittorio Assaf (Serafina East Hampton). An added bonus was real rock star Jon Bon Jovi who generously posed for photos with fans at the dinner. Richard Gere, Carey Lowell and Star Jones also lined up for tastings from the top toques.