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## LES DAMES D'ESCOFFIER OF AUSTIN HOSTS "YOU GRILL, GIRL!" ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

*Annual Grilling Benefit and Live Auction Provides Scholarships and Grants  
for Local Women in Culinary Professions*

**AUSTIN, TX (JULY 25, 2019)** – Les Dames d'Escoffier of Austin is proud to present "You Grill, Girl!," a first-ever grilling event featuring women chefs and grilling masters, on Thursday, September 5 at Franklin Barbecue. The annual fundraiser raises money for scholarships and grants for Austin women in the culinary, wine, food artisans, and hospitality professions. Last year, the Austin Dames chapter awarded \$15,000 in scholarships.

"You Grill, Girl!" will feature smoked and grilled dishes by some of Austin's most acclaimed female chefs along with a fire starting demo by Aaron Franklin and a live fire grilling demo by Paula Disbrowe, chef and author of "Thank You For Smoking" and "Any Night Grilling."

Other chefs participating in the celebration include Amanda Turner, Jester King; Janie Ramirez, Dai Due; Laura Sawicki, Launderette; Trish Fortuna, Poke-Poke; Sarah McIntosh, Epicerie; Julia Poplawsky, Austin Meat Collective; Abby Love, L'Oven Bread & Community; Megan Nesland, Sarah Petmecky and Cory McNease, Franklin Barbecue; Mia Li, Lenoir; and more.

"Les Dames de Escoffier is excited to host, 'You Grill Girl', a celebration bringing together Austin's top female chefs for a night of outdoor grilling," said Stacy Franklin, activities chairwoman of Les Dames de Escoffier of Austin. "This event will not only be a great time, but

also one that feels good to be a part of as it raises money for scholarships and grants for females in the culinary industry within our community."

Held in the parking lot of Franklin Barbecue, 900 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m., all proceeds from ticket sales, raffles, silent auction, and sponsorships will benefit the scholarship program.

Included in the auction is a backyard-sized Franklin Barbecue pit, which will be available for bidding online on Ebay, as well as at the event. Designed by Aaron Franklin, the 550-pound pit has a fully insulated, double-walled firebox, a cook chamber big enough to fit three briskets, the Franklin "original" smoke stack collector mounted for maximum airflow and convection, and other special details. Auction begins Aug. 26th and ends at the event where the winner will be announced. Shipping to anywhere in the continental United States is included in the purchase price.

Tickets are \$75 each; VIP tickets are sold out. Ticket link: <https://yougrillgirl.eventbrite.com>.

### **You Grill Girl! Menu**

Janie Ramirez, Dai Due: Fermented Jerk-Rubbed Quail

Sarah Heard, Foreign & Domestic: Nduja + Focaccia, Grilled Asian Pear & Pickles

Amy March, Steeping Room: Smoked Tempeh with Cabbage Slaw

Amanda Turner, Jester King Brewery: Chicken Kefta Meatballs

Sarah McIntosh, Epicerie: Beef Lettuce Wraps

Trish Fortuna, Poke Poke: Beef Poke

Mia Li, Lenoir: Shrimp with Nam Prik

Julia Poplawsky, Austin Meat Collective and Abby Love, L'Oven Bread & Community: Lamb Shoulder, Tzatziki, Grilled Pita

Paola Guerrero-Smith and Raina Morris, Buenos Aires Café: Pork & Apple Skewers

Megan Nesland, Sarah Petmecky and Cory McNease, Franklin Barbecue: Kimchi Brisket

Laura Sawicki, Launderette: Lemon Meringue Pie + Blueberry Hibiscus Sorbet

"You Grill, Girl!"'s presenting sponsor is Whole Foods Market. Other sponsors include Whim Hospitality, Texas Beef Council, US Foods, Dagleish Construction, Greater Austin Restaurant

Association, Performance Food Group, Maxwell Locke & Ritter LLP, YETI, Tito's Vodka, Mission Restaurant Supply, Common Sense Council, PK Grills, Toast, Quality Seafood, August Escoffier School, J. Randall Grimes, Continental Refrigeration, Torchy's Tacos, Kim Paper, Buffalo Trace, Pioneer Bank, and Fire & Smoke Society.

For more information about Les Dames d'Escoffier of Austin, please visit <https://www.ldeiaustin.org/>. Keep up with the Les Dames d'Escoffier Austin Chapter on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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**ABOUT LES DAMES D'ESCOFFIER:**

Les Dames d'Escoffier International is a philanthropic society consisting of 2,500 professional women leaders in the fields of food, fine beverage, and hospitality from 42 chapters across the globe. We are dedicated to education and volunteering. We educate on culinary excellence and entrepreneurship. We serve our communities through various philanthropic efforts and programs. The Austin Chapter consists of 110 members from all areas of the culinary community. Since 2003, we have given roughly \$85,000 in scholarships and culinary stipends to students and professionals seeking further education. Last year, we were able to give away \$15,000 for our 15th anniversary. We envision a world where all people appreciate and value the work and contribution of women in our industry, where women support women, and where communities create meaningful impact through serving our community. Les Dames Austin is a local chapter of the nonprofit Les Dames d'Escoffier International (LDEI).