

5 REASONS NOT TO MISS THE FLATIRONS FOOD FILM FESTIVAL

The 5th annual Boulder event merges cinema and cuisine

Between September 27 through October 1, the 5th annual **Flatirons Food Film Festival** brings a multi-day feast of culinary events combined with the best of culinary cinema to Boulder. Film screenings, expert speakers, discussions, and food and beverage events are all part of the line-up. Among the myriad offerings, here are DiningOut's top five don't miss events.

James Beard: America's First Foodie

Chef James Beard

Revered American chef, cookbook author, teacher, and television celebrity, and journalist, James Beard, is the topic of the Flatirons Food Film Festival's opening night. The festival kicks off on Wednesday, September 27, at 6:30pm with a pre-party mixer at **Rayback Collective {2775 Valmont Road, Boulder; 303.214.2127}** featuring hors d'oeuvres made from Beard's own recipes, drinks from Rayback's beer garden, and eats from resident food trucks. Following cocktail hour, at 7:30 there will be a screening of **James Beard: America's First Foodie**, a documentary about the extraordinary life of one of the food world's advocates and pioneers. Post screening, stay for a panel discussion featuring Beth Federici, the director of the film, and Izabela Wojcik, the director of the Beard House.

A Journey Through The People's Republic of Fermentation

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A series of short films featuring fermentation gurus Sandor Katz (author) and Mara King (co-founder of Ozuke), **A Journey Through the People's Republic of Fermentation** will screen at the **Boulder Public Library {1001 Arapahoe; 303.441.3100}** on Friday, September 29th at 7:30pm. Follow the duo as they travel southwest China and eat amazing things, learn to cook fermented foods with locals, and discover regional fermentation traditions. Mara King herself will introduce herself and conduct a demo and tasting. Afterward, head to the **Hotel Boulderado {2115 13th Street; 303.442.4344}** for a late night discussion for a late night discussion and socializing with King.

Children's Farmers Market Tour and Ratatouille Screening

Ratatouille

On Saturday, September 30th, bring the kids and head to the **Boulder Farmers Market** at 9am for a Children's Farmers Market Tour and Demo. The tour will teach kids about fresh ingredients, followed by a cooking demo and tasting with Chef Matt Collier of Seeds Library Cafe. Following the demo, guests are invited to head to Boulder Public Library for a screening of **Ratatouille**, the Pixar classic about a rat who wants to be a chef in a famous Parisian restaurant.

Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent

Chef Jeremiah Tower

On Saturday evening at 7:15 at the **Boulder Public Library**, there will be a screening of **Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent**, a documentary about the chef's life and influence on American cuisine. Chef Tower himself will introduce the film, which will be followed by a Q & A with Amanda Faison, *5280* magazine's former food editor. A late-night after party will be held at the **Hotel Boulderado**, where guests can mingle with Chef Tower.

Via Perla Luncheon and Big Night Screening

Big Night

Immediately before a screening of the classic film **Big Night**, discover the cuisine depicted in the film by attending the **Big Night by Day: Via Perla Luncheon**. The family style meal will include the timpano dish, which is the pièce de resistance of the feast that is featured in the film. Boulder Italian food legend Antonio Laudisio will speak at the lunch, held at **Via Perla {901 Pearl Street; 720.669.0100}**. Following the lunch, there will be a 1:30pm screening of **Big Night** at the **Muenzinger Auditorium at CU-Boulder {1905 Colorado Avenue}**. Introduced by legendary Denver restaurateur Frank Bonanno, the drama follows two Italian brothers who run a failing authentic Italian restaurant in 1950's New Jersey and bank on saving their restaurant during one big night.

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