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SOARING EAGLE ARTS, BEATS & EATS PRESENTED BY FLAGSTAR BANK CELEBRATES THE CULINARY ARTS WITH MORE THAN 50 OF THE AREA'S TOP RESTAURANTS, CATERERS AND FOOD TRUCKS

Soaring Eagle Cuisine Machine returns with its fine dining fan favorites, alongside newcomers and fresh recipes from local Baker College culinary arts students in partnership with local restaurants

ROYAL OAK, Mich. – Oakland County's annual Labor Day weekend celebration will return with a flavorful cuisine filled celebration **Sept. 1-4**. Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats presented by Flagstar Bank is bringing a diverse menu of enticing taste options from more than 50 restaurants, caterers, food trucks and eateries throughout metro Detroit, alongside creative new menu items developed exclusively for the festival through a partnership between Baker College and local restaurants.

"Festivalgoers can treat their taste buds to a scrumptious and diverse array of cuisine served up by an irresistible lineup of culinary artists," said Jon Witz, the festival producer. "From sizzling savory delights to mouthwatering sweet treats, our festival is a true celebration of culinary excellence, making it the ultimate go-to destination for food enthusiasts during the Labor Day weekend in metro Detroit."

Diverse Lineups, New Flavors and Returning Favorites

The variety and delectable food choices available at this year's festival are truly undeniable. Attendees can indulge in a diverse range of cuisines, from the mouthwatering Italian offerings of **Trattoria Da Luigi** and **The Little Sicilian** to the tantalizing BBQ delights served by **Smokey Joe's** and **House of Barbecue**. For those looking to savor the flavors of Nigeria, **Fork in Nigeria** will be serving up authentic Nigerian cuisine. And for those with a sweet tooth, there's a delightful selection of sweet treats from **Howdy Doodle**, **Kona Ice**, **Yogurt 2 Go**, **Ryba's Fudge** and more.

One newcomer for this year is the new Royal Oak favorite **Pastaio**. Known for its renowned fresh handmade pasta and brick oven pizza, the Royal Oak location opened in November of last year. Another newcomer to this year's festival lineup is **Estia Greek Street Food**. With locations in Warren and Grosse Pointe, it offers healthy, Greek-inspired food that is easy to eat and full of delicious, simple ingredients.

Several notable favorites are returning to the festival including the **Soaring Eagle Cuisine Machine**. Attendees will have the chance to indulge in the captivating and delectable fine dining experiences of Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on wheels. Additionally, **ImaginAte**, a Royal Oak restaurant run by the talented Omar Mitchell, will be back and delighting visitors with an exceptional array of locally sourced and freshly made options. Another returning favorite is the **Detroit Hot Sandwich Co.**, formerly known as Delray Barbeque, which will be treating patrons to

its mouthwatering hot deli sandwiches, including pulled pork, its version of a hot Cuban sandwich and its famous mac & cheese.

Baker College Culinary Students Shine

Baker College, renowned for its top-notch culinary arts program, has teamed up with two local businesses and a nonprofit organization to present an extraordinary showcase at the festival. Three exceptionally talented culinary students from the college have collaborated with local restaurateurs to create exclusive menu items for this special occasion. Notably, a portion of the proceeds generated from the sale of these unique dishes will be generously donated to Open Hands Pantry, a community-based nonprofit food pantry that serves those in need. The exciting newly crafted recipes include:

Honey Chipotle Glazed Chicken made by Steven Stempnik working alongside and in the kitchen of **ImaginATE** restaurant. This summertime savory special will feature marinated chicken legs and a Honey Chipotle glaze all placed atop a bed of delicious seasonal zucchini, squash, carrots, peppers and onion that ImaginATE will be offering on its festival menu.

Chewy Lemon Brownies created by Maya Van Buskirk with guidance from **Give Thanks Bakery**. This delectable treat features a soft lemon brownie base with a refreshing honey, lemon and cream cheese glaze with a fresh lemon zest twist that will be on the restaurant's festival menu.

For those thirsty for something new, Baker College culinary student Mikal Jones developed a **Smoke Cherry Bourbon Blast** cocktail made with bourbon, honey, orange and lemon juice, finished off with a Cajun spice rim and garnished with a cherry and orange slice. This specialty cocktail will be available at the **Bar on 6th Street** next to the Baker College Country Americana Stage.

The full lineup of participating restaurants, caterers and food trucks at this year's Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats includes:

Restaurant	Food Offerings
<u>5th Ave</u>	Popcorn and American Street Fair
<u>Aratham</u>	Vegan Food
<u>Big Bo's Catering</u>	Soul Food
Boulders Concessions	Deep Fried Treats, Greek Food and Mexican Food
<u>Cafe Muse</u>	Lite American Fair
<u>Cajun Soul Sistas</u>	Creole Food
<u>Chick A Dee</u>	Chicken On A Stick
<u>Cinnabon</u>	Cinnamon Roll
<u>Cousins Main Lobster</u>	Lobster Rolls and Lobster Tacos
<u>Detroit Hot Sandwich</u>	Hot Deli Sandwiches
<u>Drunken Rooster</u>	Elote
<u>Estia Greek Truck</u>	Greek Food
<u>Eureka Eatery</u>	Nashville Hot Chicken
<u>For the Love of Cheesecake</u>	Personal Cheesecakes
<u>Fork in Nigeria</u>	Authentic Nigerian Cuisine
<u>Frick N Good Cookies</u>	Homemade Cookies
Fun Foods Lemonade	Lemonade
<u>Gallindo's</u>	Mexican Street Tacos
<u>Give Thanks Bakery</u>	Cookies, Bread and other Sweet Treats
<u>Gosia's Pierogies</u>	Traditional Polish Pierogies

<u>Gus's Fried Chicken</u>	Nashville Hot Fried Chicken
<u>House of Barbecue</u>	Southern Barbeque
<u>Howdy Doodle</u>	Novelty Ice Cream
<u>I Freeze Creamery</u>	Liquid Nitrogen Frozen Ice Cream
<u>Ichillyn Cafe</u>	Rolled Ice Cream and Sweets
<u>ImaginATE</u>	BBQ
<u>Island Noodles</u>	Hawaiian Stir Fry
<u>Jammin Caribbean Fusion</u>	Caribbean Fusion
<u>Kona Ice</u>	Shaved Ice
<u>Lekker Coco Treats</u>	Chocolate Covered Fruit and Puffs
<u>Lil Bro's Burgers</u>	American Sliders
<u>Lillie Bell's</u>	Fried Fish
<u>Lorri's Festive Catering</u>	Lemonade
<u>Love Froyo</u>	Soft Serve Frozen Yogurt
<u>Luigi's</u>	Italian Street Food
<u>Magic Spice</u>	Indian Street Food
<u>Mercurio Foods</u>	Fried Fair Food
<u>Nautical Bowls</u>	Acai Bowls
<u>Oak House Deli</u>	Vegan Deli Sandwiches
<u>Pastaio</u>	Italian
<u>Prestotea</u>	Bubble Tea and Bhai Mi
<u>Princess Mediterranean Grill</u>	Middle Eastern
<u>Ryba's Fudge</u>	Mackinac Island Fudge
<u>Selena's Cuisine</u>	Hallel Tacos
<u>Shawarma Stop To Go</u>	Mediterranean
<u>Smokey Joe's</u>	BBQ
<u>Soaring Eagle Cuisine Machine</u>	High End American Fair
<u>Sushi Coup</u>	Poke Bowls and Chicken Wings
<u>Sweat Treat Sensations</u>	Homemade Cookies
<u>Taste & Tell</u>	Creole Inspired Paella
<u>Tequila Blue</u>	Tex-Mex
<u>The Little Sicilian</u>	Sicilian Street Food
<u>Wing Snob</u>	Chicken Wings
<u>Yogurt 2 Go</u>	Frozen Yogurt

2023 FESTIVAL HOURS, ADMISSION + PARKING

Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats will be open 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 through Sunday, Sept. 3; and 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4.

Tickets are \$7 in advance. Admission is free before 5 p.m. or \$12 after 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1. All other days, admission is \$10 before 3 p.m. and \$12 after 3 p.m. Cash and credit card transactions will be accepted at gate entrances.

Parking in Royal Oak Parking Garages will be pre-sold as well.

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FESTIVAL STATS

In 2022, the four-day festival attracted 365,000 people and generated over \$332K to donate to local charities. Since the event began in 1998, more than \$6 million has been raised by the festival for community and charitable organizations.

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The Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats presented by Flagstar Bank is Oakland County's premier festival held annually during the Labor Day weekend. The festival paints downtown Royal Oak with a variety of art, food and music for the community to enjoy. More than 365,000 visitors attended the 2022 Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats. "LIKE" artsbeatseats on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @artsbeatseats. For additional public information, visit [artsbeatseats.com](https://www.artsbeatseats.com) or call 248-541-7550.