



**NORTH FORK
TV FESTIVAL**

**OYSTER FARMS FROM AROUND THE REGION AND LOCAL RESTAURANTS FEATURED AT THE
NORTH FORK TV FESTIVAL**

Regional oyster farmers together under one roof to kick off oyster season

Chef Noah Schwartz of *noah's* to host VIP After-Party on thursday

Chef Kyle Romeo of *American Beech* providing dishes at the Oyster Season Kick Off Party

Chef Galen Zamorra of Mas (farmhouse) in New York City and *The Halyard* set for Saturday

Greenport, NY (August XX, 2017) – The North Fork TV Festival announced today a special partnership with local Greenport eateries and regional Oyster farms. The eateries include *noah's*, *American Beech* and *The Halyard*. These local eateries will add an extra flavor to the fun-filled festivities held throughout Greenport on September 7-9.

"We are thrilled to announce our partnerships with the local culinary gems of the North Fork," said Noah Doyle, Founder of the North Fork TV Festival. "These partnerships are part of the reason we chose to have a festival in the North Fork of Long Island in the first place. They represent the best of the area's food and wine and highlight the North Fork and its culinary gifts—the perfect destination for a festival," added Doyle.

Pete Malinowski, Executive Director, Billion Oyster Project said, "We are so thrilled to be part of the North Fork TV Festival. It's going to be an amazing event. It's the perfect time of year for Long Island oysters."

The festivities kick off with Long Island native and New England Culinary Institute alum Chef Noah Schwartz of *noah's* preparing a special menu for the VIP After-Party, presented by Northforker.com to be held at his restaurant on Thursday, September 7. *noah's* is located in the heart of Greenport, on Front Street directly across the street from the Festival's home, the Greenport Theatre. Since its opening in 2010, *noah's* has received numerous accolades and Chef Noah was lauded by Best Chefs America in both 2012 and 2013.

"All of the menu items focus on locally sourced ingredients, featuring local produce and seafood, chosen to highlight local farms and fisherman that we work with closely," said Chef Noah Schwartz, head chef of *noah's*.

On September 8th, the Festival, in support of the Billion Oyster Project, will host an Oyster Season Kick-Off Party presented by Lido, hosted by Cat Greenleaf, giving oyster lovers the rare chance to meet the region's farmers and eat their oysters. Farms include *Montauk Oysters*, *Ketcham of Peconic Gold Oysters* and *Ketcham Sea Farm*, *Peter Stein*, *Cornell Oysters*, *Race Rock Oysters (Oysterponds Shellfish Co)*, *Harvest Moon Oyster Company*, and *Little Creek*.

Chef Kyle Romeo of *American Beech* will provide an eclectic taste to the *Oyster Season Kick-Off Party*. Born from the name of the 75-year-old tree in the center of Greenport Village's historic Stirling Square, the former 19th-century horse stable has been converted to American Beech Restaurant, Bar & Hotel — an updated destination for unpretentious dining and dwelling stimulated by the vibrant North Fork region of Long Island.

“Aw-shucks! I am so excited to join the Oyster Season Kick-Off Party at this year's North Fork TV Festival,” said Chef Kyle Romeo, head chef at *American Beech*. “As a Southold native, it is such a privilege to be a part of this event in my hometown area and to have the opportunity to prepare a culinary creation with local based vendors. This festival is a true testament to how wonderful the North Fork truly is.”

Also, supporting this event are *The Frisky Oyster*, *North Fork Smoked Fish*, and *Special Effects Tea Room*. Cajun favorites the Hoodoo Loungers are set to perform. The Festival will be pairing the food throughout the weekend with local beer, wine and spirits provided by the Greenport Harbor Brewing Company, Castello di Borghese Winery, Macari Vineyards, New York Distilling Co, and Plush Vodka.

James Beard Award-Winning Chef Galen Zamarra of *The Halyard* will host the closing night party presented by the Gersh Talent Agency at his restaurant on Saturday, September 9. Galen Zamarra is the chef and owner of Mas (farmhouse) in New York City and oversees all of the food and beverage at the newly re-opened *Sound View* hotel, including the waterfront restaurant, *The Halyard*, as well as a piano bar and lounge, pool and beach bar, and private event space.

***The Halyard* embodies the property's nautical geography and history with fresh produce, seafood and wine from the North Fork and Atlantic Seaboard. The menu includes American classics that evoke childhood nostalgia as well as local seafood offerings. The maritime design is felt throughout, from classic captain's chairs and family-style wooden tables to an exposed ceiling truss that welcomes an abundance of natural light. A sprawling outdoor deck that looks out onto the Long Island Sound completes the space.**

“We're excited to host the North Fork TV Festival closing night party at *The Halyard*,” said Chef Zamarra, “The North Fork is an incredible culinary destination with an evolving community and culture and we're excited to showcase the abundance of the region.”

This year's North Fork TV Festival lineup features an awards night with Artistic Director Jerry Foley, which includes the presentation of the North Fork Canopy Award to Actor Chris Noth, presented by Actor Christopher McDonald, special industry panels, “Conversation with Julie Klausner”, an industry panel with three of today's most successful creators/executive producers – Sarah Treem of Showtime's *The Affair*, Janine Sherman Barrois of TNT's *Claws*, and Christina Wayne of Showtime's *I'm Dying Up Here* – the world premiere of independent pilot *Greenport*, the New York premieres of independent pilots *Death Lives*, *Shoot Me Nicely* and *Up North*, and a free Special Screening of National Geographic Documentary Films *From the Ashes*.

The *North Fork TV Festival's* main sponsors for 2017 include Bloomberg Philanthropies, Suffolk County, Hampton Jitney, JetBlue, Greenport Village BID, Castello di Borghese Winery, Noah's Restaurant, Greenport Harbor Brewing Co, Lido, Discover Long Island, Times Review Media Group, Long Island Pulse, EHM Long Island Broadcasting, News12, Special Effects Salon, First and South, Peconic Cruise Line, American Beech, Sound View Greenport, Silver Sands Hotel, Gallery Hotel, Townsend Manor Inn,

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Tickets and more information available at northfork.tv and by following @NorthForkTV on Twitter and Instagram. Official Festival Hashtag #NoFoTV

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ABOUT NORTH FORK TV FESTIVAL

The North Fork TV Festival is an affirmation of "the art of content". Celebrating the evolution of TV, the festival aims to elevate and draw attention to independent TV, while bringing together the innovative minds of TV executives, directors, writers and actors alike.

Held in Greenport New York, the annual *North Fork TV Festival* welcomes creators and embraces opportunities for independent program development. Exciting, innovative voices can be heard from around the globe.

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