

It was perfect timing since a James Beard Foundation Benefit was being held at the Four Seasons Hotel, highlighting Nashville's best award-winning chefs and Music City's SoundBits. The creative juices were flowing from recipients of culinary award and television personalities. They were there cooking and serving in front of you, like your own private show. You could see the passion and love of bringing fun and food to others. While sipping cocktails and nibbling on elegant appetizers in the Four Seasons' Grand Ballroom Foyer, we knew we were being treated to fresh in-house food when Pitmaster Pat Martin's team carried in a tray with a whole BBQ smoked hog on their shoulders. That was amazing! Ten award-winning chefs were blending years of tradition with new ways of serving full-of-flavor food dinner party style. It was the perfect place to discover Southern hints and pop-up ideas that we could share with you.