

The Boca Bacchanal Wine & Food Festival Celebrated their “Sweet 16” with the South Florida Community to Benefit the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum

Boca Raton, FL – April 2018 – The [Boca Bacchanal Wine & Food Festival](#) celebrated its “Sweet 16” this year on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7, 2018 with an unforgettable weekend of food, wine and fun. The annual event is the signature fundraiser for the [Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum](#) and features two-days of events beginning this year with exclusive Vintner Dinners, followed by the community favorite – Bacchanalia.

THE MAIN EVENTS

Quick to sell out, the **VINTNER DINNERS** started the weekend off with a choice of 5 intimate, private dinners at grand estates in Boca Raton. These dining experiences – some featuring James Beard award-winning chefs – each showcase a vintner and chef pairing their wine and cuisine together to create a magnificent 5-course meal. For the first time this year, there was a Vintner Dinner featuring TWO unique vintners and TWO astonishing chefs at one dinner. Guests attending all of the Vintner Dinners also had the opportunity to meet their presenting chef and vintner and learn more about the wine and food pairings of the evening.

The Community’s Party – **BACCHANALIA** - is known as the longest running, must-attend community wine and food event in South Florida and takes place in Mizner Park in Boca Raton. Instead of making multiple dinner reservations, guests buy one ticket to Bacchanalia and have a chance to sample cuisine from over 30 restaurants. The wine flowed all night long from world-class vintners showcasing their wineries’ best. There was something for everyone including music from Mike Sipe entertainment, a showcase of dream vehicles from Excell Auto Group, a Saks Fifth Avenue red carpet photo experience, a champagne and caviar bar by Taittinger Champagne and unique lifestyle, wine and food experiences for guests to bid on through the high-tech auction.

[Images from the 16th Annual Boca Bacchanal Wine & Food Festival](#)

THE ATTENDING VINTNERS AND CHEFS

Astonishing Vintners

- Megan Gunderson Paredes: HALL Wines and WALT Wines – Napa Valley, CA
- Miles MacDonnell: Round Pond estate Winery – Napa Valley, CA
- Robin Akhurst: Swanson Vineyards & Clos Pegase – Napa Valley, CA
- Sean Roney: BR Cohn and Delectus Winery – Napa Valley, CA
- Tim Duncan: Silver Oak & Twomey Cellars – Napa Valley, CA
- Tony Apostalakos: Masi Agricola – Italy

Celebrated Chefs

- Jimmy Bannos: Heaven on Seven – Chicago, IL
- Josh Hartman: Junction Craft Kitchen – Dallas, TX
- Phillipe Haddad: Cape Dutch – Atlanta, GA
- Regina Charboneau: Twin Oaks – Natchez, MS
- Tony Mantuano: Spiaggia, Terzo Piano & River Roast – Chicago, IL
- Vincenzo Betulia: Tulia Osteria – Naples, FL

BOCA BACCHANAL CHAIRS

- Heather Shaw
- Samantha Vassallo

BOCA BACCHANAL COMMITTEE

- Hank Jawhari
- Jason Gorczyca
- Joni Goldberg
- Joyce Devita
- Julia Johnston
- Lauri Saunders
- Mary Csar
- Michelle Essaye
- Robin Deyo
- Susan Phipps
- Violette Fairman
- Yvette Drucker

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About the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum

The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to preserving the past to enrich the future. Now in its 44th year, the Historical Society & Museum actively promotes historic preservation and education through its archival services, guided tours and educational programs. For more information or to become a member, go to www.bocahistory.org.

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