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### BEST OF OREGON FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES COOKING DEMOS & COOKBOOK AUTHOR BOOK SIGNINGS

**Portland, OR** - Best of Oregon Food & Wine Festival has secured cooking demonstrations, as well as cookbook author book signings hosted by Powell's City of Books, to take place at the festival on Saturday, June 27th at the Oregon Convention Center.

Chef Rob Leon of Phresh Organic Catering and Chef Croslie Ripple of Silver Spoon Catering will offer cooking demonstrations at their respective booths. Both chefs will show guests easy ways to entertain friends and family this summer.

"The cooking demos with Chef Rob Leon and Chef Croslie Ripple are by reservation only," said festival founder and co-producer, Claudia Bowers. "Patrons can sign up for demos by visiting our website at [www.bestoforegonfoodandwine.com](http://www.bestoforegonfoodandwine.com)."

Cooking demos are at 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm and 6 pm. Space is limited.

Additionally, the Oregon Culinary Institute will also offer cooking demos, which will not require reservations. Patrons can sign up at the Oregon Culinary Institute booth for demos running from 12 noon until 6 pm.

The Institute will teach guests how to prepare delicious and quick summer fare, while pairing delicious recipes with local wines.

"Chefs Rob Leon and Croslie Ripple, and the Oregon Culinary Institute will distribute recipes after each cooking demonstration," Bowers added.

Another attraction for the Best of Oregon Food & Wine Festival is the Powell's City of Books Cookbook Author Book Signing. Headlining cookbook authors include:

12-1 pm - Cory Schreiber

Book: *Rustic Fruit Desserts: Crumbles, Buckles, Cobblers, Pandowdies, and More*

1-2 pm - Kimberly Paley

Book: *The Paley's Place Cookbook: Recipes & Stories from the Pacific Northwest*



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2-3 pm - William King & Rick Schafer

Book: *The Vintner's Kitchen: Celebrating the Wines of Oregon*

3-4 pm - Tami Parr

Book: *Artisan Cheese of the Pacific Northwest: A Discovery Guide*

4-5 pm - Martha Holmberg

Book: *Puff: 50 Flaky, Crunchy, Delicious Appetizers, Entrees, and Desserts Made with Puff Pastry*

5-6 pm - Linda Ziedrich

Book: *Joy of Pickling and Joy of Jams, Jellies & Other Sweet Preserves*

6-7 pm - Gary Puetz

Book: *Cooking with the Seafood Steward: Taking the Mystery Out of Seafood Preparation*

"We are thrilled with this year's line-up of cookbook authors. This is an exciting portion of the festival," said Bowers.

The Best of Oregon Food & Wine Festival is scheduled to run from 12 noon until 7 pm at the Oregon Convention Center. Tickets are \$25 and are available on TicketsWest. For more information, visit [www.bestoforegonfoodandwine.com](http://www.bestoforegonfoodandwine.com).

Best of Oregon Food & Wine Festival is an event founded by locals with the mission to help revitalize and promote Oregon's local economy. That said, rather than inflate our ticket prices, we have designed an entrance fee that will partially benefit Doernbecher Children's Hospital, while encouraging our patrons to support our vendors inside the festival.

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