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Discuss Chinese food in America March 23 at the Museum of Chinese in America.

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Onstage Cuisine

On March 18 to 20 at 8 p.m. and March 21 at 2:30 p.m. at La MaMa E.T.C., 74A East Fourth Street (Second Avenue), there will be a production of "La Vie Matérielle" by Irina Brook based on the writings of Marguerite Duras and [Virginia Woolf](#), in which members of the cast will cook onstage, with leftovers available for sampling after. Tickets, \$18: [lamama.org](#).

Smoking Pork

This year for Easter, Char No. 4 in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, will be smoking Berkshire pork shoulders with delicious hamlike results, to go. The smokiness is mild; they can be reheated whole or sliced and served at room temperature. Thick slices can be grilled or pan-seared. They weigh five pounds and are \$45 to pick up at the restaurant, 196 Smith Street (Warren Street). Orders are being taken now, and the supply is limited: (718) 643-2106.

The Sirloin Remedy

Remedies for that St. Patrick's Day hangover will be provided on March 18 by Tabasco,

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which will have a truck serving portions of sirloin sliders, corned beef hash and egg sandwiches prepared by Laurent Tourondel. The food will be free and the truck will be on the south side of 48th Street between Fifth Avenue and Avenue of the Americas from 7 to 8 a.m., and in the financial district at Broadway and Bowling Green, at the "Charging Bull" sculpture, from noon to 2 p.m.

Preparing for [Passover](#)

A pre-Passover food tour of the Lower East Side sponsored by the Museum at Eldridge Street will be held on March 21 at 11 a.m. starting at the Eldridge Street Synagogue, 12 Eldridge Street (Canal Street). For tickets, \$20, and \$12 for those 63 and older and for students: (212) 219-0888, extension 205.

Pig-Cooking Contest

Cochon 555, a pig-cooking contest, with five chefs cooking at least five kinds of heritage pigs in an array of preparations served with wines from five wineries, will be held in New York on March 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pier 60 of Chelsea Piers, 23rd Street and the Hudson River. The event, which started last year, travels to 10 cities, with the final at the Food & Wine Classic in Aspen in June. For tickets, \$125: cochon555.com.

About [Chinese Food](#)

A panel about Chinese food in America by the Culinary Historians of New York and the Museum of Chinese in America will be held on March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the museum, 215 Centre Street (Grand Street). Reservations, \$25 for members of either group, \$40 for nonmembers: mocanyc.obsres.com.

Tea Tasting

Tea along the Silk Road will be discussed and tasted on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the [American Museum of Natural History](#) in the Linder Theater at West 77th Street. For tickets, \$20: amnh.org.

Talking Food Media

A panel discussion about food media will be held on March 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Fales Library of the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library of [New York University](#), 70 Washington Square South. Reservations, with a \$10 suggested donation: (212) 992-9018.

Out of Iowa

Herb Eckhouse, an owner of La Quercia, the maker of heirloom cured pork products in Iowa, will discuss his production techniques, with a tasting, on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Brooklyn Kitchen, 100 Frost Street (Meeker Avenue), Williamsburg, Brooklyn, \$30: thebrooklynkitchen.com.

Restaurant Weeks

Brooklyn: through March 25, \$25 dinners and lunches for two at \$20.10, visitbrooklyn.org. Hudson Valley: to March 28, lunches for \$20, dinners for \$28, hudsonvalleyrestaurantweek.com. The Hamptons: March 21 to 28, dinners \$19.95 to \$24.95, hamptonsrestaurantweek.com.



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Benefits

For the last five years in Paris, the pastry chef Pierre Hermé has organized a macaroon day, Le Jour du Macaron, when people can sample the feathery filled [cookies](#) at pastry shops. Now, on March 20, François Payard has created his version, with more than a dozen pastry shops participating and offering one free macaroon to those who say they are there for Macaroon Day. A portion of the sales of macaroons that day will be donated to City Harvest. Information, including a list of participants: macarondaynyc.com.

A fund-raiser for arts programs at P.S. 3 in the West Village will feature tasting plates prepared by a number of chefs, special cocktails and an auction of wine and food gifts on March 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the school, 490 Hudson Street (Christopher Street). Tickets are \$35 in advance from ps3nyc.org, \$40 at the door.

Eviction Intervention Services, an advocacy group that helps prevent homelessness by helping New Yorkers who are threatened with eviction, will hold a fund-raiser on March 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Moore Brothers Wine, 33 East 20th Street, with music, light food, wine and cupcakes: \$50 at the door.

Wine versus beer? Or as this benefit for World Cares Center, which works with groups in Haiti, has it, cru versus brew? A sommelier and a brewmaster will select drinks to accompany a four-course dinner on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Club of Upper Montclair, 200 Cooper Avenue, Montclair, N.J. There will be judging after each course. Tickets, \$160: (973) 509-9463.

More than a dozen chefs will be serving samples of their food at a benefit for the [American Ballet Theater](#) on March 22 at 7 p.m. at Pier 60 of Chelsea Piers, 23rd Street and the Hudson River. There will also be a dance performance. Tickets, \$350 and up: (212) 477-3030, extension 3239.

Street food interpreted by several chefs will be served on March 24 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Astor Center, 399 Lafayette Street (East Fourth Street), to benefit Streets International, an organization that trains needy young people in Asia to work in the hospitality industry. Tickets, \$150 (\$200 for admission at 6 p.m.): streetsinternational.org.

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