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## Indulge in Food and Fun: Bellwether Farms Culinary Series at Wells Fargo Center for the Arts

Three popular TV Chefs pass more than the salt as they share wit, wisdom, tips, recipes and delicious dishes.

SANTA ROSA, CA (September 12, 2013) – Seasonality is an important concept for Sonoma County’s food scene and Wells Fargo Center for the Arts celebrates seasonality with a culinary series featuring performances in fall, winter and spring. At each show, a popular culinary expert will serve up their particular approach to food and cooking peppered with a distinctive joie de vivre about enjoying and sharing the culinary experience.

For Fall, the Center features **Alton Brown Live! The Edible Inevitable Tour, Friday October 25.** **Alton Brown**, Iron Chef host and renowned television personality harvests his brand of quirky humor and culinary science to bring a family-friendly blend of stand-up comedy, food experimentation, talk show antics, audience participation, multimedia lecture and live music. There will be food prepared onstage and audience members will be invited to assist.

The high-energy intensity of television’s “Dinner: Impossible” and “Restaurant: Impossible” will heat up the stage during a winter show with **Robert Irvine LIVE! Friday, January 17** featuring **Robert Irvine** in a multi-media and multi-sensory theatrical experience. Multiple cameras onstage provide a close-up view of the master at his craft with music and video combining seamlessly with cooking as Chef Irvine faces new and unique challenges in this interactive show.

Spring brings **A conversation with Ina Garten, the Barefoot Contessa**, celebrated specialty food store maven, bestselling cookbook author and a true bon vivant, on Wednesday, April 2 at 8 p.m. Ina Garten’s first book, “The Barefoot Contessa Cookbook,” was published in 1999 and was one of the best-selling cookbooks of the year. She has since gone on to write eight phenomenally successful cookbooks, including 2012’s instant bestseller “Barefoot Contessa Foolproof” Garten has also been a columnist at “House Beautiful,” “Martha Stewart Living,” and “O,” the Oprah magazine. In 2002, Food Network approached Garten to do a cooking show based on her cookbooks and her love of entertaining. She was reluctant but decided to challenge herself to do 13 shows. Today her Emmy-winning cooking show, “Barefoot Contessa,” is one of the highest rated shows on Food Network. Onstage, Ina Garten delivers a charming insider’s view of her world

and the pleasures of good food and friends. Guests will enjoy an interactive Q&A with Ina after the show.

Tickets and information for each of the Culinary Series shows are available through Wells Fargo Center for the Arts by calling 707-546-3600, online at [wellsfargocenterarts.org](http://wellsfargocenterarts.org), or in person at the ticket office at 50 Mark West Springs Road in Santa Rosa (open daily, noon to 6pm).

**[Alton Brown Live! The Edible Inevitable Tour - Friday, October 25 at 8:00 pm](#)**

Tickets: \$85 (VIP tickets includes pre-show meet & greet with Alton Brown), \$65, \$45

**[Robert Irvine LIVE! - Friday, January 17 at 8:00 pm](#)**

Tickets: \$100 VIP\*, \$55 and \$40

\*(only 60 VIP tickets, which include pre-show cooking seminar with Chef Irvine available)

**[A Conversation with The Barefoot Contessa, Ina Garten – Wednesday, April 2 at 8:00 pm](#)**

\$125 VIP\* \$65.00, \$45.00

*(\*VIP tickets include pre-show meet & greet with Ina Garten, and an autographed copy of her newest book. Only 50 VIP tickets available)*

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This series is proudly sponsored by Bellwether Farms ([www.bellwetherfarms.com](http://www.bellwetherfarms.com)), a family-owned and operated dairy producing award-winning cheeses, nestled in the rolling hills of Sonoma County.

**About Wells Fargo Center for the Arts**

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is home to world-class performances, nationally recognized education programs, contemporary sculpture, and many popular events. The Arts Center is located in the heart of the Sonoma wine country and ranked among California's top performing arts presenters. Together with its resident companies, the Center presents more than 100 performances in music, dance, theater, renowned speakers, and comedy; provides education programs serving 30,000 children and adults; and hosts more than 1,000 community events a year. Owned and operated by the Luther Burbank Memorial Foundation, the Center relies on charitable community donations to achieve its mission – to enrich, educate, and entertain.

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