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Skirball Cultural Center brings together top Los Angeles chefs at L.A. FOOD STUDIOS AT THE SKIRBALL

Featuring Kwang Uh, Steve Samson, Mei Lin, Wes Avila,
Pawan Mahendro, and Rose Lawrence

Sunday, November 13, 2016, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

\$25 General | \$20 Skirball Members | \$18 Full-Time Students

FREE parking

Tickets available on site, online at skirball.org, or by phone at (877) SCC-4TIX

LOS ANGELES—In a unique “open studios” setting, six leading Los Angeles–based culinary artists will gather at the Skirball Cultural Center on Sunday afternoon, November 13, for **L.A. Food Studios at the Skirball**. Considered among the city’s most creative and adventurous chefs, **Kwang Uh** of Baroo, **Steve Samson** of Sotto, *Top Chef* winner **Mei Lin**, **Wes Avila** of Guerrilla Tacos, **Pawan Mahendro** of Badmaash, and **Rose Lawrence** of Red Bread will demonstrate how they create their signature dishes, answer questions, and offer ample samples for tasting. The program will take place from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Inside the Skirball’s Guerin Pavilion ballroom, attendees will be encouraged to mingle with fellow foodies and explore the “open studios” at their own pace, stopping at each chef’s station to watch, hear from, and converse with the chefs while enjoying bites of the following:

- Pickled vegetables, kombucha, and assorted kimchi (Kwang Uh)
- Robiola tortelli, Parmigiano-Reggiano, and aged balsamic (Steve Samson)
- Chinese dumplings (Mei Lin)
- Ahi tuna tostada (Wes Avila)
- Punjabi-style chickpeas (channa masala) with basmati pilaf and yogurt raita (Pawan Mahendro with Nakul and Arjun Mahendro)
- Jam tarts (Rose Lawrence)

Each chef will be partnered with an apprentice from the nonprofit organization **L.A. Kitchen**, which recovers fresh fruits and vegetables to support a culinary arts job training program for men and women coming out of foster care and returning from incarceration.

The program is curated by **Lara Rabinovitch**, whose food writing has appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *VICE*, and *Lucky Peach*. Rabinovitch served as consulting producer for the documentary *City of Gold* about the renowned food critic Jonathan Gold.

L.A. Food Studios at the Skirball follows two other Skirball food programs this November. On Tuesday, November 1, at 8:00 p.m., L.A.’s beloved chef, restaurateur, and cookbook author **Nancy Silverton** returns to

the Skirball to discuss her new book, *Mozza at Home*, with **Evan Kleiman** of KCRW's *Good Food*. The following night, on Wednesday, November 2, at 8:00 p.m., James Beard Award–winning chef **Marcus Samuelsson** and Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter-chef **Kelis** take the stage in a one-night-only engagement. Paired especially for this Skirball conversation, they will discuss food, music, life, love, and Harlem, as well as their new books: *The Red Rooster Cookbook* (by Samuelsson) and *My Life on a Plate* (by Kelis). Each program is followed by a Q&A and book signing.

About the Skirball

The Skirball Cultural Center is a place of meeting guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and inspired by the American democratic ideals of freedom and equality. We welcome people of all communities and generations to participate in cultural experiences that celebrate discovery and hope, foster human connections, and call upon us to help build a more just society.

Visiting the Skirball

The Skirball Cultural Center is located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049. Museum hours: Tuesday–Friday 12:00–5:00 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; closed Mondays and holidays. Admission to exhibitions: \$12 General; \$9 Seniors, Full-Time Students, and Children over 12; \$7 Children 2–12. Exhibitions are always FREE to Skirball Members and Children under 2. Exhibitions are FREE to all visitors on Thursdays. For general information, the public may call (310) 440-4500 or visit skirball.org.