

**GUEST CHEF – BOBBY FLAY** 

Bobby Flay, one of the country's most celebrated chefs, restaurateurs, cookbook authors and media personalities, has enjoyed an ambitious culinary career, with an influence that can be felt throughout the industry.

As the creator of critically acclaimed restaurants around the country, including Mesa Grill, Bobby Flay Steak, Bar Americain, and his most recent project, Gato, in New York City, Flay is credited with energizing the fine dining world with his signature bold ingredients and authentic American flavors. Along with his collection of fine dining restaurants, Flay is also the owner of Bobby's Burger Palace, focusing on high-quality, never-frozen, made-to-order goodness inspired by Flay's love for the grill. There are currently 17 locations of Bobby's Burger Palace nationwide.

Flay is the author of 13 cookbooks and has starred in 14 Food Network programs. Among his many distinctions include the 1993 James Beard Award for Rising Star Chef of the Year, his induction into the James Beard Foundation's Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America in 2007, 5 Daytime Emmy Awards for "Boy Meets Grill," "Grill It! with Bobby Flay," and "Barbecue Addiction." In 2015 he became the first chef to be awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.