

Fall for the Book Festival Spotlight: Haute Cuisine at the Hylton Sept. 18

On the closing night of this year's Fall for the Book, Thurs., Sept. 18, the festival will host its 2nd annual celebration of fine food, superior drink, and the various stories behind the scenes of every aspect of the food industry from farm to table—and beyond! Cookbook authors, food writers, chefs and chocolatiers, novelists incorporating food into their fiction, and even the newly minted Prince William County Poet Laureates—all will be part of Haute Cuisine at the Hylton, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hylton Performing Arts Center, George Mason University, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas.

The first event of the evening is a 6:15 p.m. food writing workshop with **Jason Shriner**. Dubbed “Prince William County's very own pastry chef” by *Potomac Local*, Shriner is a food blogger, podcaster, instructor, entrepreneur, and volunteer. He began his video baking & pastry blog the **Aubergine Chef** in 2010 and was quickly recognized by *Every Day with Rachael Ray* magazine in their Talk with Friends section. In 2011, he propelled from this achievement to offering university standard yet affordable baking classes at the Manassas Park Community Center. From there he evolved his business to include private baking and pastry classes for individuals, businesses, and events where he inspires future bakers and engages audiences of all ages. He was recently recognized as one of Potomac Local's Forty Under 40 for being an influential person in his industry and a catalyst of community impact. Today Jason continues to teach on a weekly basis and write monthly online articles for *Prince William Living*. At 7 p.m., novelist **Laura Florand** takes the stage to discuss her internationally bestselling and award-winning Amour et Chocolat series, including *The Chocolate Thief*, *The Chocolate Kiss*, and more—books in which sexy Parisian chocolatiers woo the women they love with what they love best – romance you can taste. Her books have been translated into seven languages, nominated for RT Reviewers' Choice Best Book of the Year, received the RT Seal of Excellence and starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*, and been recommended by *USA Today*, NPR, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Now a lecturer at Duke University, Florand is very dedicated to her research into French chocolate.



At 7:30 p.m., individual stations open for tastings, demonstrations, and discussions by a variety of chefs and food celebrities, including noted cookbook authors **Amy Riolo** and **Joe Yonan**. Riolo is an award-winning author, chef, television personality, cuisine and culture expert, and educator whose ninety-second cooking videos “Culture of Cuisine” air on nationally syndicated news shows on 28 different channels across the United States, totaling a reach of over 300 million people; her most recent book, *The Mediterranean Diabetes Cookbook*, won the 2011 Nautilus Book Award and was named “Best. Diabetes. Cookbook. Ever.” by DiabetesMine.com. Yonan is the two-time James Beard Award-winning Food and Travel editor of *The Washington Post* and the author of *Eat Your Vegetables: Bold Recipes for the Single Cook* (Ten Speed Press, 2013), which was named among the best cookbooks of 2013 by The Atlantic, The Boston Globe, and NPR's “Here and Now.” Other participants in the tastings, demonstrations and discussions include:

- **Robert Kingsbury** of **Kingsbury Chocolates and Confections**, distributed throughout No.Va. and DC;
- **Dave Lefevé** of **The Cock and Bowl** in Occoquan, making recipes included in his wife **Claudia Lefevé's** novels;
- **Belinda Miller**, whose children's fantasy novel *Phillip's Quest, Book I: Winterfrost* features whimsical recipes;
- **Miguel Pires**, owner of **Zandra's Taqueria** in Manassas, VA;
- **Jason Shriner** of the **Aubergine Chef**; and
- Representatives of **Heritage Brewing Company** in Manassas.

Finally, the recently appointed Prince William County Poet Laureates **Robert Scott** and **Alexandra “Zan” Hailey** make a appearance at the event as well, talking about their work and community projects. As a special preview of the full evening's program, check out Rick Davis, executive director of the Hylton Performing Arts Center, discussing the program on **“Be A Singular Sensation.”** The second annual Haute Cuisine at the Hylton is sponsored by **Write by the Rails**, the Prince William Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information on the complete schedule of Fall for the Book events—taking place Sept. 11-18 at George Mason University and at locations throughout VA, DC, and MD—visit www.fallforthebook.org or download **the new FftB app**, keeping the entire festival right at your fingertips.