



Voices from the Kitchen

CHOICES
Fall 2020

Link to show:

[Voices from the Kitchen](#)

Pre-event chat at 5:30pm PT
Show starts at 5:45pm PT

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10th Installment

For the past 5 years, **Voices from the Kitchen** has been a twice-yearly sold-out stage event in San Francisco. This year—by need and by accident—we’ve gone national (virtual). Perhaps you’re watching with one of our tasty boxes shipped cross country or hand delivered to your door—food, lovingly prepared by the talented chefs of **La Cocina**.

These events have always been about shared experiences—a drink in hand, a snack that tastes like a story, a story that feels like a snack. You’ll hear incredible storytellers explore the theme of “Choices.” 2020 has given us an endless supply of them—all while making us feel that we have few viable options. Nonetheless, we have some big ones coming up. **May we be guided by the strength of the little and big ones that we’ve made in the past.**

VOICES

WELCOME

by La Cocina Program Director Geetika Agrawal and Chef Fernay McPherson of Minnie Bell's Soul Movement

A POLISH MANDU OR A KOREAN PIEROGI by Noah Cho

Noah Cho is a columnist for Catapult. His work has also appeared in NPR's CodeSwitch, Shondaland, *The Atlantic* and The Toast. He teaches middle school English.

Animated illustrations: Iris Chiang

Iris Chiang is an illustrator and designer based in the Bay Area. She uses digital techniques to create work centered around her Taiwanese heritage, love for nature, or just about anything she finds inspiring. Her work has been featured in *3/3 Magazine* and *Pittville Press*, among other publications.

CANNED MEAT ACROSS GENERATIONS by Jia Tolentino

Jia Tolentino is a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and the author of the 2019 essay collection *Trick Mirror*. Previously, she was the deputy editor of *Jezebel* and a contributing editor at the *Hairpin*.

Featuring Aileen Suzara

Aileen Suzara is an activist, educator, chef and new mama. She has committed herself to fostering community-driven food spaces for healing and connection. Her San Francisco-based business, Sariwa Kitchen, honors the vibrant stories and flavors of her Filipina roots. Aileen is furthering her work in food justice as a Castanea fellow.

Animated illustrations: Esther Elia

Esther Elia is an illustrator, painter and sculptural furniture maker, whose work focuses on family folklore and explores themes of her Assyrian heritage. Esther's work has been featured throughout the Bay Area, including at the Institute of Advanced Uncertainty + Minnesota Street Project, the SF Arts Commission Side By Side In the World Exhibit, and The Diaspora In Bloom Exhibit in San Jose.

WHAT'S COOKING? by Chris Colin

Chris Colin has written about billionaires, endangered pasta, Obama's Irish roots, solitary confinement and more for the *New Yorker.com*, *Wired*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Saveur*, *Pop-Up Magazine* and other publications. He's a contributing writer for *California Sunday Magazine* and *Afar*, and the author of several books. Since March, he's been publishing *Six Feet of Separation*, a pandemic newspaper by and for young people around the country.

Animated illustrations: Rinee Shah

Rinee Shah is a creative director and illustrator in Brooklyn. She's created illustrations for Apple, *The New York Times*, Facebook, IDEO, Simon & Schuster and *The Knot*, among many others. The author of *The Made-Up Word Project* and a writer for SF's premiere sketch comedy group *Killing My Lobster*, Rinee has also created a web series for Spotify and was the creative director of Snapchat's first global TV campaign.

Original music by Chris Colin

REDLINING by Nic Jay Aulston

Nic Jay Aulston is part of a team that runs *Bicis Del Pueblo* and makes maps that focus on equity, justice, and representations of disenfranchised communities (www.naulston.com).

Featuring La Cocina entrepreneurs

Tiffany Carter, chef/owner of **Boug Cali**; **Shani Jones**, chef/owner of **Peaches**

Patties; and **Fernay McPherson**, chef/owner of **Minnie Bell's Soul Movement**.

Filmmaking:

Amanda Ray & Desire Lacap

Amanda Ray is a content creator and videographer. She has worked on Emmy Award-winning content, such as Warriors Ground episodes for the Golden State Warriors. You can often see her filming during Warriors games at Chase Center. She's happiest when going on adventures, eating good food, or storytelling through a camera lens.

Desire LaCap, founder and principal of Lacapture, is a storyteller, videographer, filmmaker and producer. She produced the documentary "Doubts to Success" and the series "Art in Many Forms." Her motivating worldview is to bring visions to life and continue to inspire.

SHE WEARS SLACKS by Mayukh Sen

Mayukh Sen is a writer in New York. He has won a James Beard Award for his food writing and teaches food journalism at New York University. His first book, on immigrant food in America, is forthcoming from W.W. Norton & Company in fall 2021.

Animated illustrations: Lyssa Park

Lyssa Park is an illustrator based in Las Vegas who creates colorful illustrations and cartoons inspired by daily encounters, family relationships, and animals. Her work was selected for the 2019 Society of Illustrators Student competition, and she was shortlisted for the 2019 Nami International Picture Book Concours.

WHOM DO YOU ENVY? by Jennifer 8. Lee

Jennifer 8. Lee is co-founder and CEO of the literary studio Plympton and author of *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles*. A former reporter for *The New York Times*, she has produced documentaries, including “The Search for General Tso,” which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival. She is the co-chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Futures Council for Media, Entertainment and Culture; a vice-chair of the Unicode Emoji Subcommittee; the co-founder of Emojicon; and the founder of Emojination.

Animated illustrations: Vanessa Lim

Vanessa Lim is a Singapore-born independent illustrator and designer. Her experience spans across self-initiated projects to commercial projects for multinational brands and independent boutique brands.

REGULARS TO THE RESCUE by Rachel Levin

Rachel Levin is a San Francisco-based journalist who has written for such publications as *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Outside*, and *Eater*; as its first San Francisco restaurant critic. She writes a column for *The San Francisco Chronicle* on restaurant regulars. She is the author of *Look Big: And Other Tips For Surviving Animal Encounters of All Kinds* (Ten Speed) and coauthor of *Eat Something: A Wise Sons Cookbook for Jews Who Like Food and Food Lovers Who Like Jews*,

published this year by Chronicle Books. *Steamed: A Catharsis Cookbook for Getting Dinner (and Your Feelings)* on the Table comes out spring 2021.

Ink drawings: George McCalman

George McCalman is an artist and creative director based in San Francisco. His design studio McCalmanCo brands companies and organizations. He is a culture columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. His first book, which he is illustrating and designing, called *Illustrated Black History*, will be published fall 2021 by Harper Collins.

SLIGHTLY LESS THAN HALF by Lauren Whitehead

Lauren Whitehead is a writer, performer and dramaturg. Her writings have been published in *Apogee Journal*, *Winter Tangerine*, and in selected anthologies including *BreakBeat Poets Vol 2: Black Girl Magic*. She has performed her work across the country including at The Sundance Film Festival, The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, and the Apollo Theater. Lauren is an Assistant Arts Professor of Drama at NYU Tisch School of the Arts.

Animated mixed media: Elizabeth McConaughy-Oliver

Elizabeth McConaughy-Oliver creates projects for Bay Area and LA musicians and is a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. Her work has been displayed at The Society of Illustrators 2019 Student Exhibit in New York City, The Battery SF, and Tenderloin Merchants Association. She has had art shows at 111

Minna and at 560 Geary in San Francisco. Her work focuses on what it means to be and feel like a POC experiencing emotion and life in today’s society.

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Charles Farriér, chef/owner of **Crumble & Whisk**; **Dayana Perez** of **El Huarche Loco**; **Binita Pradhan**, chef/owner of **Bini’s Kitchen**; **Karla Rosales-Barrios**, owner & saucier of **Pass The Sauced**; and members of La Cocina and the Voices From the Kitchen Communities.

“CHOICES”

will be available to the general public on [La Cocina’s YouTube channel](#) to watch later, again or to share with others!

MORSELS

If you ordered a meal kit or snack box to enjoy while viewing the show, you'll experience the deliciousness and vibrancy that our in-person theater show offered with food and drink by La Cocina chefs. Thank you for supporting our chefs during these challenging times.

Our featured La Cocina chefs and meal kits include:

Snack Box

with a roasted habanero salt by Sal de Vida Gourmet, Quintet assorted truffles by NeoCocoa Confections, and a Oaxacan mole negro trail mix by Origen.

Appetizer Box

with handcrafted vegan cheeses by The Uncreamery, mango chutney by Besharam, mushroom pâté by Noodle Girl, and flatbread by El Buen Comer.

Meal Kits

with fried chicken and all the works by Minnie Bell's Soul Movement, an Algerian vegan meal by KAYMA Eatery, and a Malaysian meal by Damansara.

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Special thanks to Executive Producer Bonnie Ross for supporting La Cocina in producing 10 installments of "Voices from the Kitchen."

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