

Jonathan Waxman is a native Californian whose family taught him an appreciation for food arts from an early age. He received the *Grand Diplôme* from *La Varenne School* in Paris and mentored with Alice Waters at Berkeley's legendary *Chez Panisse* before graduating to Executive Chef of *Michael's* in Santa Monica. In 1984 Jonathan made his mark in New York with the iconic *Jams*, which he followed up with a string of successes in New York, London and Napa Valley. Today, Jonathan is chef and owner of *Barbuto* in Manhattan's West Village and *Jams* in 1 Hotel Central Park. In 2014, he opened his Nashville restaurant, *Adele's*, and is a founding partner of Nashville's Music City Food + Wine Festival. Jonathan Waxman is the 2016 James Beard Award winner for "Best Chef, New York City". He was a judge on Bravo's *Recipe for Deception* and has appeared on two seasons of *Top Chef Masters*. He is the author of cookbooks, *A Great American Cook* and *Italian, My Way*. Jonathan currently lives in Manhattan with his wife and three children.