

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL OREGON TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

North America's premier truffle celebration announces full schedule of events taking place in truffle and wine country January 25 – 28, 2018 and February 16 – 18, 2018.

Portland, Ore. (September 18, 2017) — [The Oregon Truffle Festival](#) returns in early 2018 with two truffle-packed weekends: the **Eugene and Surrounds Weekend**, from January 25 through 28, and the **James Beard Weekend in Yamhill Valley**, taking place February 16 through 18. Tickets are now on sale for à la carte events and full weekend immersions, featuring top chefs and special guests, decadent dinners and luncheons at award-winning wineries, foraging with truffle hunters and their dogs, hands-on cooking classes, and much more.

The Eugene and Surrounds Weekend kicks off with the Fourth Annual [Joriad™ North American Truffle Dog Championship](#) on January 25, wherein spectators cheer for teams of truffle dogs and their trainers as they race to search for hidden truffle-scented targets.

From January 26 through 28, the schedule of events focuses on the scientific and agricultural aspects of the burgeoning Pacific Northwest truffle industry. The events in Eugene include the [2-Day Truffle Growers' Forum](#), gathering industry experts from around the world for a speaker series and a visit to a cultivated truffle orchard, the iconic [Grand Truffle Dinner](#), the Second Annual [Oregon Truffle MacDown](#), and other culinary events. The weekend closes with the [Fresh Truffle Marketplace](#), offering native Oregon truffles for sale, wine tastings, artisan food sampling, truffle cooking demonstrations, and more.

Chefs Paul Virant (Vie), Carlo Lamagna (Clyde Common), Shota Nakajima (Adana), Chris Crosthwaite (The Omnivore's Kitchen), Anh Luu (Tapalaya), Jonathan Hoffman (Chefs Table), and others will prepare dishes using foraged Oregon black and white winter truffles. Additional chefs will be announced on the Oregon Truffle Festival's website as they are confirmed.

The Yamhill Valley Weekend, spanning Presidents' Day Weekend from February 16 to 18, centers around Oregon truffle champion and native Oregonian James Beard. The weekend begins with a reception hosted by Willamette Valley Vineyards and truffle bites from Ken Forkish (Ken's Artisan Bakery, Trifecta), followed by a showing of the film "James Beard: America's First Foodie" and a conversation with Director Beth Federici and Producer Kathleen Squires. Two concurrent truffle dinners, one at The Joel Palmer House available à la carte, and another at Ruddick/Wood for weekend ticket holders, will take place following the showing.

On Saturday February 17, weekend ticket-holders will join professional truffle hunters for a morning truffle hunt, followed by an indulgent winery luncheon. A rosé release and [four-course dinner at Domaine Serene](#) with chefs Vitaly Paley (Paley's Place, Headwaters), Jason Kupper (Domaine Serene) and Cathy Whims (Nostrana, Oven & Shaker) will bookend the day. Mirroring Eugene's closing event, the [Newberg Fresh Truffle Marketplace](#) brings together regional wines, artisan foods, and fresh truffles—all related to the vibrant Oregon truffle industry.

Now operating as a nonprofit (new for 2018), the Oregon Truffle Festival intends to expand its programming to year-round culinary, educational and training opportunities to further promote and support Oregon's native truffle industry.

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ABOUT THE OREGON TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

The Oregon Truffle Festival is North America's premier event for truffle appreciation and education. Held every winter in the Willamette Valley, it attracts thousands of culinary travelers, chefs, growers, dog trainers, scientists and journalists from all over the globe for a series of dynamic and participatory events. The festival was founded in 2006 by renowned mycologist Dr. Charles K. Lefevre and his wife, Leslie Scott, and is run in partnership with Culinary Director Charles Ruff. Dr. Lefevre is also the founder of [New World Truffieres](#), a company specializing in truffle cultivation. Now in its 13th year, the Oregon Truffle Festival is operating as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The 2018 Oregon Truffle Festival will be held in Eugene from January 25 - 28, and Yamhill Valley from February 16 - 18, 2018. Follow the Oregon Truffle Festival on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates.

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