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GOURMET FESTIVAL



PARRAIN / AMBASSADOR 2015 : EMMANUEL RENAUD



DU 5 AU 8 NOVEMBRE 2015 / NOVEMBER 5-8, 2015
ÉDITION #2 SPÉCIALE GASTRONOMIE FRANÇAISE



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Spotlight On French Gastronomy

*Emmanuel Renaut,
Ambassador 2015*



Saint Barth is extremely proud of its fine dining, and the Tourism Committee (CTTSB) would like to spread the word far and wide. That's why they created the Taste of Saint Barth Gourmet Festival, with the second edition this weekend, Friday, November 6 through Sunday, November 8. In reality, this is the third version of this culinary event, if one were to include the pilot edition held successfully in 2013. Since then, this annual event has followed the same outline, featuring a group of

prestigious chefs—some with multiple stars to their credit—who are invited into the kitchens of those restaurants partnering with the festival. They are charged with creating exceptional menus for special chefs' dinners during the festival.

This year, no fewer than seven French chefs, each as great as the next, took up the challenge. The first is **Emmanuel Renaut**, both chef and pastry chef, who is serving as the ambassador of this year's event. Named "Meilleur

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Ouvrier de France", his restaurant, *Flocons de Sel* in Megève, has been awarded three Michelin stars. Renaut is the guest of Eric Desbordes, executive chef at Eden Rock, where he will create a special menu on Sunday evening. Another star pastry chef, **Laurent Jeannin** (who has also won three Michelin stars) has also been invited to Eden Rock, where he will present his savory and sweet specialties on Friday and Saturday evenings.

A returning chef to the festival is **Jérôme Nutile**, also a "Meilleur Ouvrier de France," with two Michelin stars, who was present last year as well. He is the guest of Jean-Baptiste Piard, executive chef at the Christopher Hotel.

Another leading champion of French cuisine is chef **Yoann Conte**, whose restaurant in Annecy is honored with two Michelin stars, and who was invited by Nicolas de Marchi, executive chef at the Guanahani. Yann Vinsot, executive chef at Cheval Blanc Isle de France, will open his kitchen to **Alexandre Mazzia**, whose restaurant has one Michelin star and three toques in the Gault & Millau guidebook.

Partnering with the festival for the first time is L'Esprit, run by chef Jean-Claude Dufour, whose guest is chef **Stéphane Le Quellec**, whose restaurant, *La Scène* at Prince de Galles hotel in Paris, also has one Michelin star. The

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STÉPHANIE LE QUELLEC
L'Esprit Jean-Claude Dufour



YOANN CONTE
Le Guanahani



JÉRÔME NUTILE
Hôtel Christopher St Barth



DAVID TOUTAIN
Le Taïwana



ALEXANDRE MAZZIA
Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France



LAURENT JEANNIN
Eden Rock - St Barths

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Laurent Jeannin ©Roméo Balancourt



Yoann Conte © Arnaud Frich



Jérôme Nutile



two chefs will work in tandem to create a formidable menu. Finally, **David Toutain**, also a starred chef, is the guest of Jérôme Pru, executive chef at Taïwana. All of these guest chefs will offer four-course menus at 75 euros (beverages excluded). The one exception is the eight-course menu for

120 euros (beverages excluded) created by Emmanuel Renault, on Sunday evening at Eden Rock.

For menus by such star chefs, the costs are not too “exceptional,” notes Nils Dufau, president of the Tourism Committee and vice president of the Collectivity. The

goal is to “make the event accessible as possible,” he adds, pointing out that these chefs work primarily with only the best ingredients, such as foie gras, pigeon, and turbot, as on the menu by Stéphanie Le Quellec at L’Esprit, conceived in collaboration with Jean-Claude Dufour. As if participating on the TV show, Top Chef, the work of these two masters ranges from lobster sorbet to nicely spiced turbot, while the chef of L’Esprit adds his signature dish of pigeon flavored with licorice. In order to encourage young hopefuls to follow in their footsteps, three of the star chefs—Stéphanie Le Quellec, Laurent Jeannin, and Emmanuel Renault— will meet with students at the middle school on Friday, notably those interested in the culinary arts as a métier. What better opportunity to say bon appétit!



David Toutain



Stéphanie Le Quellec



Alexandre Mazzia



SCHEDULE* // NOTICE TO GOURMETS !

Each of the partnering restaurants will host special "Chefs' Dinners," featuring a **4-course menu for 75 euros** (appetizer, main courses, and dessert included).

There is also an option for an **8-course menu for 120 euros**.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

7pm : Opening ceremony (by invitation only)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

10am : Press Conference, Taiwana Hotel

3pm-5pm : "St Barth Absolut Elyx Contest 2015", by Enjoy St Barth, Do Brazil*

7:30pm : Chefs' Dinners in the festival partner hotels & restaurants : Eden Rock - St Barths; Cheval Blanc St-Barth ; Le Guanahani; Le Christopher; Le Taiwana; L'Esprit Jean-Claude Dufour.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

12-2pm : "St Barth Badoit Express Beach Picnic" , Le Guanahani

5pm-6pm : Café Waiter's Race, Gustavia

7:30pm : Chefs' Dinners in the festival partner hotels & restaurants : Eden Rock - St Barths; Cheval Blanc St-Barth ; Le Guanahani; Le Christopher; Le Taiwana; L'Esprit Jean-Claude Dufour.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

8am-10am : "St Barth Chefs Challenge by Taittinger", Bonito (Jury: chef Emmanuel Renaut, president)

9am-11am : Amateur pastry competition "Old Time St Barth" and "Young Toques St Barth", Gustavia

11am-12am: Awards ceremony for the 2015 competitions, Gustavia

7:30pm : Chefs' Dinners in the festival partner hotels & restaurants : Eden Rock - St Barths; Cheval Blanc St-Barth ; Le Guanahani; Le Christopher; Le Taiwana; L'Esprit Jean-Claude Dufour.

* (Subject to change)

Reservations required for the Gourmet Dinners:

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L'Esprit, Salines, tel. +590 (0)590 52 46 10



THE CARL GUSTAF PART OF THE BARRIÈRE GALAXY



This five-star hotel in Gustavia was sold on Monday, August 10, and a specialist in the luxury hotel sector will run its management: the Société Fermière du Casino Municipal de Cannes (SFCMC), linked to the Barrière Group.

For almost two years, the Carl Gustaf was for sale. This five-star hotel that overlooks Gustavia finally has a new owner: Jean-Marc Israel, who also owns La Banane, and manages the real-estate investment fund, 3i Capital. Jean-Marc Israel purchased the hotel from the Laurent family, its former owners. The sale was han-

dled by Sibarth Real Estate, and completed on August 10 (the price was not announced). The hotel benefits from an exceptional spot above the port with grounds of 5200 square meters. More precisely, two lots were sold: the hotel and bungalows on 4000 sq meters and the villa above the road and parking lot on 1200 sq meters. Over the past two

years there were other candidates interested in buying the property, notes Christian Wattiau, president of Sibarth Real Estate. But many of them had real-estate development projects, but the owners wanted to “maintain the Carl Gustaf as a hotel,” explains Wattiau. This will now be the case, under the management of the Société Gerrière du Casino Municipal de Cannes (SFCMC), in conjunction with Barrière Group, whose president is Dominique Desseigne, which has rented the Carl Gustaf for a “long-term period.” Long enough to amortize the “eight to ten million euros” of renovation required. “In light of opening a five-star luxury hotel that meets the standards of the group,” explains the SFCMC in a

press release dated Tuesday, August 11.

The Barrière Group and SFCMC, specialists in luxury hotels and casinos, already manage the five-star Majestic Barrière in Cannes, as well as the four-star Gray d’Albion. The renovation planned for the Carl Gustaf includes “work on the villa above the hotel to transform it into several suites,” says Israel. Due to the amount of work envisioned, the Carl Gustaf will not open its doors for “two years,” adds Israel. When it reopens the five-star hotel will be called the Carl Gustaf Barrière. Open since 1992, and renovated several times, the hotel has 14 suites at the time of its closure, as well as a royal suite and four rooms of 275 sq meters.



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FRANÇOIS PLANTATION PURCHASED BY THE SIBUET FAMILY



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François Plantation has a new owner. The Sibuet Group has purchased this former hotel in the hills of Colombier, with the transaction finalized on Wednesday, October 21 (the sale price was not announced). Since 2008, François Plantation had belonged to American investors from the St Barth Leisure Group. The cluster of bungalows, with swimming pool and fabulous 8500 square meter gardens, now belongs to the Maisons & Hotels Sibuet Group, a small family empire built by Jocelyne and Jean-Louis Sibuet, and their chil-

dren. The Sibuet family has their own signature style: discrete, intimate luxury hotels that seem like private homes, such as the hotel they bought in Megève in the 1980s to create Les Fermes de Marie (five stars), one of the best addresses in the French ski resort. Since then, the Sibuet family has expanded their empire with Lodge Park and Hôtel Mont-Blanc, both of which are also located in Megève. Other properties comprise Altapura, the first five-star in the ski resort of Val Thorens; La Bastide de Marie in Ménerbes, in the Luberon region of France; and La Villa Marie in Ramatuelle.

Each is a small oasis of tranquility, in the upscale boutique hotel category. This is also their goal at François Plantation, explains Christian Wattiau, president of Sibarth Real Estate, who handled the sale. The Sibuet family hopes to reopen the hotel “with 20 or so keys,” he indicates, but not before next season. A great deal of restoration is necessary to bring back the luster of this hotel built in the late 80s by François Béret, on the grounds of a former villa. Highlights were the tropical gardens and restaurant, which both contributed to the hotel’s reputation.

The investment made by the Sibuet family “is a good thing for the island,” adds Wattiau. Over the past two years, other major hotel groups have invested on the island as well: LVMH (Cheval Blanc Isle de France), Oetker (Eden Rock), and more recently Barrière, to reopen the Carl Gustaf (not before next year after extensive renovation). Proof that leaders in the luxury hotel market have an eye on Saint Barth. Also proof of the health of the real estate market over the past two years. As for this year, “the first indicators for the season are very positive,” notes Wattiau.

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Surfing: ISA World Junior Championship

TESSA THYSSEN IS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPION!

Wuring the ISA World Junior Surfing Championships in Oceanside, California, the young surfer from AJOE won an individual gold medal, on Sunday, October 18, helping the French team stay in second place for the second year in a row, behind the United States.

Tessa Thyssen is on top of the world! On Sunday, October 18, the young surfer from AJOE's Reeper Surf Club won the gold medal at the ISA (International Surfing Association) Junior Championships in

Oceanside, CA. She is the third French female surfer to win the world title, after Pauline Ado and Canelle Bulard, crowned respectively in 2006 and 2011. Thyssen also helped France maintain its second place spot at the ISA Juniors for the second consecutive year. This year first place went to the USA, with Hawaii in third place.

In California, Thyssen's performance was perfect, right up to her domination of the final where she Tia Blanco from California, and Franckie Harrer and Mahina Mae-



da from Hawaii. Throughout the final, the Saint Barth surfer ruled the waves. She finished with a total of 12,93 points, ahead of Tia Blanco (12,37), while Franckie Harrer (10,27) completed the podium. "I am extremely happy, to have won this title in my last year as a junior. It's really magical, and I am happy to have won against the Americans, here, in their home. The entire team supported me throughout the competition," she exclaimed after

the competition. Les Bleuets (French team) also won medals by brothers Nommé and Marco Mignot, who respectively took silver and bronze in the junior and cadet classes. In the U-18 boys class, victory went to Leo Fioravanti. In U-16, it was American Steevie Pittman who took first place, for a world title. Les Bleuets s'étaient also won a gold medal in the Aloha Cup, a team relay race.

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November 7-8 :

GUSTAVIALOPPET: A TASTE OF SWEDEN



While French chefs are celebrating The Taste of Saint Barth, runners from the island as well as Guadeloupe, Martinique, St Martin, USA, Canada, and Sweden are ready to run the Gustavialoppet. This annual marathon, organized by ASBAS (St Barth Friends of Sweden Association) and the Collectivité, takes place on Sunday, November 8, as part of the Pitea Day events, marking Saint Barth's "twinning" with the town of Pitea in Sweden. The race itinerary goes from the sports stadium in Saint Jean to the Wall House in Gustavia, and the program includes a 10-kilometer race, a shorter course of five kilometers, and an eight-kilometer walk. The day before, Saturday, November 7, kids are invited to take part in the Foulées des Ti-Mouns. Friday, November 6 is the last day to register at the Collectivité, or online at www.sport-timing-caraibes.com (secure online payment).

A medical certificate from within the past year, or a current running club license is required, along with a fee of

20 euros for runners taking part in the 5km and 10km races (the fee covers a number bib, a Friday night pasta party, and beverages after the race). Walkers pay 5 euros (covering the bib and beverages after the event). The minimum age for the 10-km race is 18, and 16 for the 5 km.

Expected to participate from Saint Martin are members of Inter Generation Runners, led by Sully Wilfred, one of the best veterans (50-59 years). Guadeloupe will be represented by FVRP (Foulées Vertes du Rond Point) from Petit-Bourg, including Jimmy Zou, a good runner worth keeping an eye on, and Eddy Boulate, who won this event in 2008 and 2009. Also a contender is Claude Nohilé from Martinique, also a double winner, in 2011 and 2012, and recently crowned French champion for half marathon in the veteran category, who will run with his colleagues from the town hall in Fort de France. Attention should also be paid to Loïc Mondésir and Astrid Laurent, who both performed well in recent French championships.

November 19-22 :

2015 ST BARTH CATA CUP



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Saint Barth will once again host some of the world's best racers in the Formula 18 catamaran class for the annual Saint Barth Cata Cup, one of the most highly anticipated nautical events on the island each fall. The roster comprises professional and amateur sailors from at least 16 different countries, all of whom enjoy the crystal clear water, white sands, coconut palms, and light tropical breezes that set the stage for this challenging international competition.

This year, Argentina makes its first appearance at the eighth edition of the Saint Barth Cata Cup, with two teams of Argentinean sailors. Cruz Gonzales Smith will sail with Mariano Heuser, while Juan Faustin will team up with Nicolas Aragones.

The 2015 race will also see the return of two champions: Carolijn Brouwer and Darren Bundock, who have registered together for the first time in this F18 competition. Brouwer last participated in the Cata Cup in 2013, while Bundock was most recently on the roster in 2013. "We don't sail together enough, but we have wanted to do this regatta as a team, although we are both usually the skipper on our respective teams. It will be interesting to see how each of us reacts," explains Brouwer, who is scheduled to take the lead as of today. She just completed a period of three years entirely dedicated to the Volvo Ocean Race, where she sailed for Team SCA. As for Bundock, this year's Saint Barth Cata Cup fits into his program between qualification races for the Olympic Games in Rio next year. This Australian has been the sports catamaran world champion 14 times and won a silver medal at the Olympic Games in Sydney.

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Special Events

November 5 - 8

Taste of St Barth, Gourmet Festival

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November 19 - 22

St Barth Cata Cup Four day of racing

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November 2 - 14

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Thursday, November 5

- Jazz Thursdays: live jazz music with Kiki on piano. Followed by DJ AL Kaleen at the turntables for Soul & Disco @ Bagatelle

Friday November 6

- Bagatelle for Her Evening: Ladies night / complimentary champagne for ladies from 8pm to 10pm @ Bagatelle

- I love Friday @ La Plage restaurant, musical dinner with DJ Laurent Perrier, fire show, fashion show @ La Plage restaurant, St Jean

Saturday, November 7

- DJ Al Kaleen @ Bagatelle - Bikini brunch, from 12am to 5:30pm, bikini fashion show, music by Axel Your-Forest - DJ resident @ La Plage restaurant, St Jean

Sunday, November 8

Sunday is chic! Lunch on the beach, music by DJ Axel Your-Forest, fashion show, @ La Plage restaurant.

Tuesday November 10

- Lobster night, music by DJ Axel Your-Forest, fashion show, @ La Plage restaurant. - "Shut up & Dance" evening and Deep House Music @ First

Thursday, November 12

- Jazz Thursdays: live jazz music with Kiki on piano. Followed by DJ AL Kaleen at the turntables for Soul & Disco @ Bagatelle

Friday November 13

- Bagatelle for Her Evening: Ladies night / complimentary champagne for ladies from 8pm to 10pm @ Bagatelle

Saturday, November 14

- DJ Al Kaleen @ Bagatelle
Tuesday November 17
- "Shut up & Dance" evening and Deep House Music @ First

Thursday, November 19

- A new dinner show featuring dancers and artists @ Ti St Barth

- Jazz Thursdays: live jazz music with Kiki on piano. Followed by DJ AL Kaleen at the turntables for Soul & Disco @ Bagatelle

Friday November 20

- A new dinner show featuring dancers and artists @ Ti St Barth
- Bagatelle for Her Evening: Ladies night / complimentary

champagne for ladies from 8pm to 10pm @ Bagatelle

Saturday, November 21

- A new dinner show featuring dancers and artists @ Ti St Barth

- DJ Al Kaleen @ Bagatelle

Tuesday November 24

- "Shut up & Dance" evening and Deep House Music at First

Fashion Show

Daily Fashion Shows

- Fashion Show, every lunch, Nikki Beach

- Fashion Show every lunch @ La Plage

Every Tuesday

- Fashion Show around the pool of White Bar from 6pm @ Hotel Cheval Blanc Isle de France

Exhibitions

- A mix of work by Marco Glaviano, Lucio Salvatore, Arno Elias and Mario Arlati @ Space SBH, Gustavia

- A group show of artists including painting by Nicole Etienne, Lucio Salvatore and photography by Arno Elias, Marco Glaviano and Kieran Walsh @ Space SBH at Taiwana Hotel

- Gery Langlais, Stanislas Defize Alain le Chatelier, Dave Stevenson, Jean-Yves Lefort @ Les Artisans

- David Kracov, Natan Elkanovich, Yoel Benharrouche, Calman Shemi, Dorit Levinstein, @Eden Fine Art Gallery, Gustavia

- Bronze Sculptures by Bjorn Olkholm Skaarup @ The Collectivity & Space Gallery

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