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## **Dine Around Downtown: Cooking At Home Returns With 3 New Restaurants**

### **Chef Rocco DiSpirito Continues as Host With Eateries Temple Court, Benares and Casa Taqueria Featured**

**NEW YORK (September 4, 2020)** – The Alliance for Downtown New York, the nonprofit business improvement district for Lower Manhattan, has transformed its annual Dine Around Downtown lunchtime festival into a virtual Cooking At Home series featuring James Beard Award-winning chef and New York Times-bestselling author **Rocco DiSpirito**.

**DiSpirito returns** as host for three more installments of the Alliance series. The episodes, broadcast via Zoom, provide exposure for the participating restaurants, raise money for the local restaurant community and provide viewers at home with exciting recipes. DiSpirito will once again present local Lower Manhattan chefs as they demonstrate easy-to-replicate dishes from their restaurants. The next installments will feature Temple Court (September 17), Benares (October 1) and Casa Taqueria (October 15). All the events start at 4p and are free to join. Participants can donate to a fund of the restaurant's choice, which will support their staff and/or local food-supply charities.

The series launched earlier this summer with America's first restaurant Delmonico's, followed by Gnoccheria and Taïm. All previous episodes [are available on YouTube](#).

Pre-register for the upcoming series here: [downtownny.com/dinearound-at-home](http://downtownny.com/dinearound-at-home)

Additionally, participants are encouraged to make the dishes themselves and then post photos of their plates on Instagram, tagging [#DineAroundAtHome](#) and [@downtownnyc](#) for a chance to win a personal 30-minute cooking class with the featured chef.

For the upcoming episodes, Executive Chef Matthew Dahlkemper of Tom Colicchio's Temple Court, located at the Beekman Hotel, will lead off the series with Rohan Duck Breast with Fig and Fennel. Benares chefs Jiban Sarkar and Dhandhu Ram will prepare Cheema Thenga (Shrimp Curry) and Raan E Akbari (Leg of Lamb in a Rum Sauce). Chef Elizabeth Saldana of Casa Taqueria will close out the series with Al Pastor Three Ways: Burrito, Plato and Taco.

**About the Alliance for Downtown New York**

*The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to provide service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st century Central Business District for businesses, residents and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street. For more information visit [downtownny.com](http://downtownny.com)*

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