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**Louisiana Cookin' Magazine Announces Lake Charles Chef as 2016 "Chef to Watch"**

Lyle Broussard of L'Auberge Lake Charles joins five other Honorees from across the State

NEW ORLEANS, September 26, 2016— Since 2002, *Louisiana Cookin'* magazine has celebrated passionate local chefs who possess an understanding and respect for Louisiana's unique culinary legacy while exhibiting the drive and creativity needed to engage modern diners.

After much deliberation, the Chefs to Watch Advisory Board, consisting of culinary influencers from across the state, narrowed the pool to six chefs representing several of Louisiana's top culinary destinations.

The 2016 Chefs to Watch Awards go to **Chef Lyle Broussard of L'Auberge Lake Charles** (llakecharles.com/dining/), along with these five other chefs:

**Chef Ruby Bloch** of Meauxbar, Cavan, and Sylvain in New Orleans (meauxbar.com; [cavannola.com](http://cavannola.com); [sylvainnola.com](http://sylvainnola.com))

**Chef Gabriel Balderas** of El Cabo Verde in Shreveport (<https://www.facebook.com/elcaboverdeorganics/>)

**Chef Nathan Richard** of Kingfish in New Orleans (kingfishneworleans.com)

**Chef Ashley Roussel** of Simone's Market in New Orleans (simonesmarket.com)

**Chef Phillip Mariano**, formerly of Josephine Estelle, new restaurant to be announced soon.

The 2016 Chefs to Watch Class will come together on October 20, 2016 at Marché in the New Orleans French Quarter for a dinner honoring their accomplishment and showcasing their talent. This seated dinner will feature one course by each of our 2016 honorees. All proceeds of the dinner will benefit the Louisiana Culinary Institute Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$125.00 for one or \$225 for a pair, and can be purchased here: <http://www.louisianacookin.com/product/2016-chefs-to-watch-dinner/>

The menu for the dinner is as follows:

**First Course**

Chile Marinated Shrimp with Corn Esquites

**Second Course**

Brisket and Collard Greens Doppio Ravioli

**Third Course**

Cushaw and Shrimp Curry Bisque

**Fourth Course**

Fig Preserve Glazed Quail

**Fifth Course**

Pan Seared Amberjack with Warm Potato and Crawfish Salad

**Sixth Course**

Sweet Potato Spice Cake

Congratulations to the 2016 Chefs to Watch award winners. They are featured in the September/October issue of *Louisiana Cookin'* magazine on newsstands now.

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