



## THE FEARRINGTON HOUSE

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### **JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE FEARRINGTON HOUSE RESTAURANT'S EXECUTIVE CHEF COLIN BEDFORD AS SEMIFINALIST**

Fearrington Village, NC – The James Beard Foundation announced today the Restaurant and Chef Award semifinalists for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual James Beard Foundation awards. The Fearrington House Restaurant's Executive Chef Bedford was selected as a semifinalist for Best Chef: Southeast from a list of more than 24,000 online entries. In the Southeast category, there are nine semifinalists for Best Chef from North Carolina alone, including Chef Vivian Howard, of Chef & The Farmer and Steven Devereaux Greene, of Herons at the Umstead Hotel.

Founded in 1986, The James Beard Foundation's mission is to celebrate, nurture, and honor chefs and other leaders making America's food culture more delicious, diverse, and sustainable for everyone. The James Beard awards are the food industry's highest honor, presented in categories that include, restaurants, chefs, books, journalism, broadcast media and more.

"I'm honored to be included on James Beard Foundation's semi-finalist list, along with other peer restaurants in the Triangle," said Chef Colin Bedford. "Our team strives to create a true and memorable experience for every guest, and to have that hard work be recognized by such a respected organization is an extraordinary feeling."

On Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Foundation will announce final nominees for all award categories during a press conference in Los Angeles, California. The winners are chosen independently by a volunteer judging panel of restaurant critics, food and wine editors, culinary educators and past James Beard award winners across the country. Winners of the James Beard Media Award will be announced Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. All remaining award winners will be announced at the James Beard Foundation Awards Gala Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in Chicago.

#### **About The Fearrington House**

The Fearrington House is a member of Relais & Chateaux, an association of the finest hotels and restaurants in the world. The 32-room Inn features exquisitely decorated rooms and stunning garden views. The Restaurant serves locally sourced European cuisine with a regional influence.



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The Fearrington House Restaurant opened in 1980, followed by the Inn in 1987, and the Spa in 2010. Fearrington House is located eight miles south of Chapel Hill and 20 miles west of the Raleigh/Durham Airport. For more information, visit [www.fearrington.com](http://www.fearrington.com).

### **About The James Beard Foundation**

A cookbook author and teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge about food, the late James Beard was a champion of American cuisine. He helped educate and mentor generations of professional chefs and food enthusiasts, instilling in them the value of wholesome, healthful, and delicious food. Today JBF continues in the same spirit by administering a number of diverse programs that include educational initiatives, food industry awards, scholarships for culinary students, publications, chef advocacy training, and thought-leader convening. The James Beard Foundation is a national not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization based in New York City.

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