

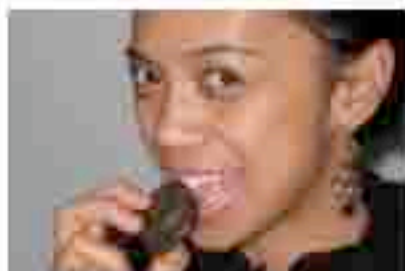
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Tasty morsels about Chicago's food scene

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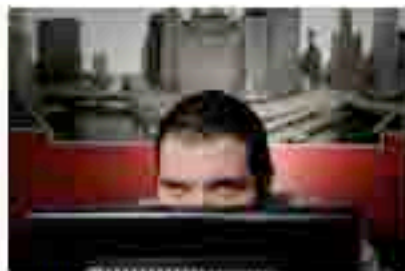


Sun-Times Food editor Janet Rausa Fuller is always thinking about her next meal.

LISA DONOVAN

For almost 20 years now, reporter Lisa Donovan has been hitting Chicago's neighborhood markets and restaurants not only for the best grub at the best prices but also as a way to understand the city's melting pot.

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By guest blogger and New York writer Seanan Forbes:

Nothing bears as powerful testimony to the talent of a chef as having a crew that can maintain your standard. If your crew can do that and keep smiling, then you're doing your job right.

To judge by the action behind [Carrie Nahabedian's](#) table at the [2009 James Beard Foundation Awards](#), Chef Nahabedian excels at creating a team.

Her flight was delayed. She'd planned to be in New York at 3 p.m. At 7 in the evening, the chef was still in transit.

At work stations across Avery Fisher Hall's lobby and grand promenade, preparations for the gala were underway. With no captain at their help, Naha's cooks were keeping up the pace, and smiling as they did so.

Naha's contribution to the festivities: cured ice-caught Great Lakes whitefish and Door County golden whitefish caviar with crème fraîche, candied Meyer lemon, bull's blood greens and Lebanese-seeded fattoush.

On the page, it looks complicated, but every element is needed. The dish had taste and texture and (joyfully, in a drippy New York City evening) the scents and shades of spring.

It received a reception as enthusiastic as any concert ever played in the hall. Ingredients, execution and a delighted audience - no wonder Nahabedian, who got to gala with plenty of prep time to spare, was smiling.



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