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Abernethy's at The Music Center Reopens for the Fall Season, Extends Chef Andy Allo's Residency into Spring 2027

Following a successful first round of her residency, Chef Andy Allo will return with her celebrated Cameroonian cuisine and new seasonal menu offerings



Abernethy's at **The Music Center** is thrilled to announce its reopening, bringing back Chef Andy Allo's wildly popular Cameroonian cuisine as part of the restaurant's Emerging Chef-in-Residence program. Following high demand after a successful first round of residency, The Music Center has extended Chef Allo's tenure to spring 2027, marking the longest residency in the program's history to-date. The extension provides Chef Allo with the opportunity to bring new dishes to Abernethy's, which is located in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles, and offer guests another opportunity to experience her distinctive approach to culinary storytelling.

"Bringing a piece of my roots and childhood to the table has been incredibly meaningful, and seeing how warmly it's been embraced has made this residency especially rewarding," said **Chef Allo**. "I'm excited to continue through the spring, introducing new dishes to the menu and continuing to share the flavors I grew up with."

Located on Jerry Moss Plaza at The Music Center, Abernethy's celebrates chefs from across Los Angeles County, showcasing the region's rich diversity of flavors and talent through its Emerging Chef-in-Residence program. Each residency brings a new perspective to the dining experience, telling Los Angeles' unique multicultural story through food. Chef Allo's extended residency leverages the success of her opening months, continuing the restaurant's commitment to highlighting innovative culinary talent and diverse cuisines.

Building on the flavors and culinary influences that define her cooking style, Chef Allo will continue to draw inspiration from her Cameroonian heritage while incorporating seasonal ingredients and creative techniques. New dishes include **Blistered Shishito Peppers** (whipped garlic-lemon dip, figs, toasted pumpkin seeds), **Warm Plantain Cake** (vanilla mascarpone, pomegranate, lemon zest) and an updated **Guinness Braised Short Rib** recipe.

"Our guests' enthusiastic response to Chef Allo's residency reflects the power of food in bringing people together through culture, creativity and shared discovery," said **Rachel S. Moore**, president & CEO of The Music Center. "Her Cameroonian cuisine adds a vibrant dimension to the experience of visiting The Music Center, inviting guests to explore new flavors and stories while enjoying everything our campus has to offer. We're delighted to extend her residency and continue showcasing her exceptional culinary talent that makes L.A.'s performing arts center such a dynamic and global destination."

A multidisciplinary artist, Chef Allo brings a unique perspective to her culinary work, drawing on her background in acting and music to create dining experiences rooted in culture, creativity and storytelling. Her experience includes culinary apprenticeships and staging at Michelin-starred restaurants, including Alinea in Chicago and Akoko in London. She was also a top finalist on the latest season of "Next Level Chef."

For more information, please visit **AbernethysLA.com** or follow @AbernethysLA on Instagram and Facebook. For more from Chef Allo, find her on Instagram **@AndyAllo**. Reservations can be made through **Open Table**.

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ABOUT CHEF ANDY ALLO

Chef Andy Allo is a dynamic culinary artist whose passion for cooking is deeply rooted in her Cameroonian upbringing. From an early age, she developed an appreciation for bold, vibrant flavors, which now define her mission to create fine dining experiences that celebrate her heritage. Her journey led her through a rigorous culinary apprenticeship and staging at Michelin-starred establishments such as Alinea in Chicago and Akoko in London. Before stepping into the culinary world, Andy established a thriving career as an actor and musician, starring in series like “Upload" (Amazon) and “Chicago Fire" (NBC) and performing on stage with Prince. This storytelling foundation seamlessly informs her culinary artistry, allowing her to compose immersive dining experiences that resonate beyond the plate. Chef Allo debuted her first sold out pop-up at Deux Bistro in Los Angeles, where she presented a tasting menu inspired by the soulful essence of Cameroonian cuisine. *LA Weekly* highlighted her pop-up as a standout in the city's growing wave of African culinary offerings, noting: “There's been a brisk influx of African fare in Los Angeles recently, and perhaps the most elegant of them all is Cameroonian cuisine from singer, actress and chef Andy Allo." With each thoughtfully curated dish, Chef Andy Allo invites diners to experience the depth and beauty of her culinary roots, delivering an unforgettable journey that bridges culture and cuisine.

ABOUT ABERNETHY'S

An Emerging Chef Restaurant

Abernethy's is a destination restaurant where tasting cultures and exploring food becomes an ever-changing culinary experience as emerging chefs are offered their own platform for culinary creativity. Featuring a new chef and menu every four-to-six months, Abernethy's hosts a roster of up-and-coming Los Angeles chefs who have a unique narrative to share through the flavors they highlight. Each new chef transforms Abernethy's with inventive and personalized dishes inspired by the diverse people and cultures that fill the heart of Los Angeles. To fuel this one-of-a-kind culinary arts adventure, some of L.A.'s legendary chefs and prominent members of The Music Center are tasked to select the most talented emerging chefs from around Los Angeles County.

Abernethy's Hall of Fame

Chef Shirley Chung (August 2019 - Chinese American)
Chef Jason Fullilove (December 2019 - Modern Soul)
Chef Ryan Costanza (February 2022 - Mediterranean Island)
Chef Geter Atienza (August 2022 - Modern Filipino)
Chef Lenora Marouani (February 2023 - Tunisian Soul)
Chef Brad Willits (May 2023 - Not-So-Italian Italian)
Chef Mindy Oh (September 2023 - Korean American)
Chef John Cleveland (January 2024 - California Comfort)
Chef Pyet DeSpain (September 2024 - Indigenous Fusion)
Chef Adolfo Perez (April 2025 - Mexican)
Chef Lucio Bedon (September 2025 - Italian)
Chef Andy Allo (May 2026 - Present)

ABOUT THE MUSIC CENTER

As L.A.'s performing arts center, The Music Center convenes artists, communities and ideas with the goal of deepening the cultural lives of every resident in Los Angeles County. The $80 million non-profit performing arts organization has two divisions: TMC Arts and TMC Ops. TMC Arts, The Music Center's programming engine, provides year-round programming inside The Music Center's four theatres, on Jerry Moss Plaza, outside at Gloria Molina Grand Park--a 12-acre adjacent green space--in schools and other locations all over Los Angeles County. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with Glorya Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center, free and low-cost public concerts and events, live and digital K-12 arts education programs, workshops, performances, interactive experiences and special events. TMC Ops manages the theatres, the Plaza and Gloria Molina Grand Park, which comprise $3 billion in county assets, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. The Music Center is also home to four renowned resident companies--Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles Master Chorale, LA Opera and LA Phil. For more information, visit **musiccenter.org**.

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