



CARLA HALL

Carla Hall is a co-host of ABC's Emmy award winning, popular lifestyle series "The Chew," seated alongside restaurateur and "Iron Chef America" star Michael Symon, and entertaining expert Clinton Kelly. Hall is best known as a competitor on Bravo's "Top Chef" and "Top Chef: All Stars", where she won over audiences with her fun catch phrase, "Hootie Hoo" and her philosophy to always cook with love. Carla's approach to cooking blends her classic French training and Southern upbringing for a twist on traditional favorites. She is committed to health and balance in everyday living. Her cookbooks are "*Carla's Comfort Food: Favorite Dishes from Around the World*" and "*Cooking with Love: Comfort Food That Hugs You*". Her next cookbook will be published in the Fall of 2018.

A native of Nashville, TN, Hall received a degree in Accounting from Howard University, but traveling through Europe awakened her passion for food and inspired a new career path. She attended L'Academie de Cuisine in Maryland where she completed her culinary training, going on to work as a Sous Chef at the Henley Park Hotel in Washington, DC. She also served as Executive Chef at both The State Plaza Hotel and The Washington Club, and has taught classes at CulinAerie, Sur la Table and her alma mater, L'Academie de Cuisine. Hall is a true believer that, "If you're not in a good mood, the only thing you should make is a reservation."

Carla is also active with a number of charities and not-for-profit organizations that reflect her passion for causes close to her heart. She serves as a Board Member for the Pajama Program and GenYouth. Carla also actively works with Chef Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen Chef Network, DC Central Kitchen, The USO, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Feeding America, Women Chefs and Restaurateurs (WCR), and she serves on the advisory boards for the Edible Academy for the New York Botanical Gardens and for the Food and Finance High School in New York City. Carla is also a member of the James Beard Foundation's Women's Leadership Advisory Committee and is the Culinary Ambassador for Sweet Home Cafe at the Smithsonian National Museum for African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. She lives in D.C. with her husband, Matthew Lyons.

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