Three nationally-acclaimed celebrity chefs – Cat Cora, Carla Hall and Gail Simmons – will participate in the Meijer LPGA Celebrity Chef Cookoff presented by Kraft, a friendly competition and the latest community event added to the weeklong LPGA Tour stop in Grand Rapids next month.

The fun and interactive cooking event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, and will showcase the chefs' elegant culinary creations with event proceeds benefiting the <u>Meijer Simply</u> <u>Give</u> program, which replenishes the shelves of food pantries throughout the Midwest.

A limited number of general public tickets are <u>now on sale</u> for \$100 apiece, which includes food, wine and a ticket to the golf tournament for the weekend.

The three celebrity chefs in attendance this year are:

- **Cat Cora:** She was the first female Iron Chef on Food Network's *Iron Chef America*.Since then, Cora has continued to evolve her craft to become an accomplished author, restaurateur, contributing editor, avid philanthropist and television host.
- **Carla Hall:** She is a co-host of ABC Daytime's lifestyle series, "The Chew." Hall is best known as a competitor and fan favorite on Bravo's "Top Chef," where she won over audiences with her philosophy to always cook with love.
- Gail Simmons: She is a trained culinary expert and judge on Bravo's Emmy-winning series "Top Chef," as well as head critic on "Top Chef Masters." Since 2004, Simmons has been Special Projects Director at *Food & Wine* Magazine.

Each celebrity chef will prepare a unique menu, which will include an entrée with a side, a beef entrée with a side, and a dessert. A panel of judges made up of a local celebrity, and Meijer, LPGA and Kraft representatives will determine the winner.

The tournament will make a donation to the four local food pantries of the winning chef's choice.

For more information, please visit <u>www.meijerlpgaclassic.com</u>.

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