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## A TWIST ON NEW ORLEANS' ICONIC AND DIVERSE CUISINE SHARED IN WYES-TV'S NEXT NATIONAL COOKING SERIES — DOOK CHASE: A CHEF'S JOURNEY

*Chef Dook Chase will be the guide for a curated culinary tour of New Orleans sharing stories that reflect the city's rich culture*

**New Orleans, LA—DOOK CHASE: A CHEF'S JOURNEY**, a new series from WYES-TV, follows the culinary evolution of Chef Edgar "Dook" Chase, grandson of James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Leah Chase and executive chef of Dooky Chase's Restaurant, which recently earned a James Beard Foundation America's Classics Award.

The 26-part series began production in June 2025 and will premiere on WYES and public television stations across the country in Spring 2026.

In each episode, viewers will follow Dook as he visits places and people at the heart of New Orleans cuisine. Then back in the WYES kitchen, chef will bring those experiences where he'll prepare his take on the iconic foods of the city and beyond.

With an emphasis on how dishes and ingredients reflect the city's history, Dook will connect with chefs who have elevated Creole, Cajun and West African cuisine to the forefront of fine dining in the city.

Dook will also visit local Italian, Vietnamese, Indian and Latin American restaurants where chefs recreate the food from their homeland. Back in the kitchen Dook will prepare dishes that incorporate the flavors and techniques of New Orleans' mosaic of culinary traditions.

Destinations and friends chef meets along the way in **DOOK CHASE: A CHEF'S JOURNEY**:

**Angelo Brocato's**, Arthur Brocato

**Chapter IV**, Chef Gavin Goins

**Commander's Palace**, Chef Meg Bickford and Ti Martin

**Cochon**, Chef Donald Link

**Café Reconcile**, CEO Kheri Billy and Chef Martha Wiggins

**Dakar NOLA**, Chef Serigne Mbaye

**Dong Phuong Bakery**, Lihn Garza

**Emeril's**, Chef E. J. Lagasse

**Lagniappe Bakehouse**, Chef Kaitlin Guerin

**NOCHI** (New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute), Chef Zoe Chase, GM Gerald Duhon, Chef Jacob Anguino/Chef Rebecca Klaskala

**Parkway Bakery and Tavern**, Justin Kennedy

**Saffron NOLA**, Chef Arvinder Vilkhu and Chef Ashwin Vilkhu

**Sweet Saint**, Kenny Chauvin & Family

**Vaucresson Sausage and Creole Deli**, Vance Vaucresson, Chef Bunny Young

Dook's journey takes him to the small town of Madisonville, across lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, where his grandmother grew up. During the visit he takes a look at his family's tradition of preserving garden-fresh fruits and vegetables. In his kitchen the chef will create canning specialties that carry forward those time-honored techniques.

Chase family memories and cooking are at the heart of the series. Dook joins his mother Alva, Leah's niece Cleo Robinson, and Chef Zoe Chase in the kitchen to share recipes and stories from the restaurant in Treme founded in 1941 by Edgar "Dooky" Chase, Sr. and his wife Emily.

This celebration of New Orleans culture with Dook Chase is a delicious mix of origin stories, legendary dishes, family lore and unique local traditions for a one-of-a-kind look at the food of the Crescent City.

**DOOK CHASE: A CHEF'S JOURNEY** follows the success of WYES' popular national cooking series THE DOOKY CHASE KITCHEN: LEAH'S LEGACY (2023) and most recently LOUISIANA COASTAL COOKING (2025), plus four cooking series with chef Kevin Belton and several with cooking legend Chef Paul Prudhomme.

The series is produced and directed by Terri Landry, who has led 18 national public television cooking series for WYES. Executive producer is Jim Moriarty. Associate producer is Dawn Smith. Video editor is Lenny Delbert Sr.

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