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PANEL DISCUSSION ON JAPANESE CUISINE & SAKE TASTING

@ Japan Information Center, Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago
737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611

Friday, Sept. 22, 2017

5:30 p.m. Doors open
6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Panel Discussion
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sake Tasting

James Beard award-winning food reporter Steve Dolinsky (perhaps best known as *ABC 7's Hungry Hound*) says that very few cultures are as focused on food and service as is Japan. "I've never seen people care so much about how food is sourced, prepared, and served."

Join Steve as he examines Japanese cuisine both in Japan and the U.S. with a prestigious panel of food specialists, including Tokyo's master of traditional cooking Naoyuki Yanagihara, Chicago's own Michelin Bib Gourmand-winning chef Takashi Yagihashi of Slurping Turtle, Suntory Whiskey Ambassador Gardner Dunn, Owner of Kamehachi Sharon Perazzoli, and *Chicago Tribune* Food & Dining reporter Louisa Chu.

The panel discussion will be followed by a tasting of sake from breweries in Japan. The event is FREE. All attendees must be 21 or older. All that is required is registration and a photo ID for tasting. Register at the following site:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/panel-discussion-on-japanese-cuisine-sake-tasting-tickets-37319093413>

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