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Dîner en Blanc Returns To New York City In An Unforgettable Way

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Dîner en Blanc New York was held at Robert Wagner Jr. Park on Thursday, September 15, 2016. 5000 people dressed beautifully in white, descended upon the the riverfront of New York Harbor. With views of the Statue of Liberty, guests mingled, dined, danced, celebrated and made new friends all in the spirit of Dîner en Blanc.



Todd English, four-time James Beard winner, author, restaurateur, returned by popular demand to curate menus for guests who ordered online.

Le Dîner en Blanc was launched in France nearly 30 years ago. Today, the storied Paris tradition attracts close to 10,000 people. After Dîner en Blanc's U.S. debut in New York in 2011, the event exploded in popularity with requests to host it pouring in from around the world. This year the event is expanding to 70 cities across five continents. In the U.S., 20 cities will be celebrating their own Dîner en Blanc, including for the first time Las Vegas, Orlando and Sacramento.



The legendary event has proven to be such a coveted tradition that many American cities will celebrate their 5th Le Dîner en Blanc event this year, including Chicago (August 13 – 3000 guests), Philadelphia (August 18 – sold out with 5000 guests) and San Diego (coming this fall). Many cities have huge wait lists, including New York which has exceeded 40,000. No worries, though — organizers make sure that everybody on the list has a chance to attend.

The uniqueness and local flavor of each location entice many to sample more than one event. Many people travel from city to city and often country to country to attend Dîner en Blanc with family and friends. *“It is truly a great feeling being here with all of these amazing people and to see how into it they are”* explain co-founders Sandy Safi.

