Spudnik Press Proudly Announces:

The Hashbrown Show Down: Spudnik’s Rootin’ Tootin’ Fair & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, February 24, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Spudnik Press Cooperative
1821 W. Hubbard Suite 302

All-You-Can-Eat Chili & Tamales | Guest Juror Won Kim | Audience Choice Awards
Wild West Printmaking Games | Honky Tonk & Bluegrass by DJ Lawrence Peters

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Spudnik Press is pleased to announce its eighth annual Hashbrown Chili Cook Off — The Hashbrown Showdown: Spudnik’s Rootin’ Tootin’ Fair and Chili Cook Off!

This year, we’re (fund)raisin’ hell with some of the wildest outlaws in Chicago’s art community and we reckon it’ll be more fun than shootin’ cans off a fence. Lord knows this crockpot ain’t big enough for the two of us, but Spudnik Press sure is.

Join us as 18 chefs from local organizations, businesses, and Spudnik’s own members compete for first place. Saddle up for all you can eat gullet-warming chilis in all kinds of meat and veggie varieties, be a part of the toughest guest jury west of the Loop, and try your hand at unlimited print-themed games! Not to mention you can bring your lil’ buckaroos for a discounted price! So scoot your boots on down to Spudnik Press on Saturday, February 24th from 5-9pm. We reckon you’ll have a rootin’ tootin’ time! Just like our chili fundraisers of yesteryear, this time-honored tradition will take place at Spudnik Press, 1821 W Hubbard St, Chicago, IL 60622.

Featured Chili Chefs:

Returning Chefs
Candor Arts
CHIRP Radio
Fata Morgana Press
LATITUDE Chicago
Read/Write Library

First Time Competitors
Barrel Maker Printing
Spiteful Brewing
Vichcraft

Additional contestants, include Spudnik Member teams, are forthcoming.
The Hashbrown is a celebratory annual tradition among the Chicago arts community. Throughout the years, dozens of organizations, businesses, and individuals have competed in the highlight of the event, the chili cook-off. Guests are invited to sample as many types of chili as they like, and cast a vote for their favorite. The competition includes about 20 chefs that accommodate to a variety of diets with plenty of vegetarian, gluten-free, and nut-free options. Audience Choice awards are be granted for Best Meat and Beat Vegetarian categories.

This year’s Guest Juror is chef and artists Won Kim, proprietor of Kimski, Bridgeport’s new Korean Polish street food restaurant. He will have the honor of selecting an additional chef team to receive the coveted Juror’s Choice Award.

The 2018 Hashbrown Show Down is embracing a wild west theme and will include classic rodeo-inspired games and activities to keep people entertained between sampling chili.

Each Chef Team featured in the 2018 cook-off is a critical contributor to arts in Chicago. This network of organizations, businesses, and generous individuals all work in harmony to provide resources and support Chicago many artists. Hashbrown Show Down offers a unique opportunity to meet staff and volunteers from many of Chicago’s favorite local establishments including Candor Arts, CHIRP Radio, Fata Morgana Press, LATITUDE Chicago, Read/Write Library, Barrel Maker Printing, Spiteful Brewing, and Vichcraft.

Lawrence Peters will keep the energy high with honky tonk, bluegrass, outlaw, countrypolitan, western swing, and country soul/funk tunes. A silent auction will feature art, books, and gifts from local artists and businesses. Complimentary sweet and savory tamales will help enjoy a well-rounded dinner.

Admission starts at $20 for adults and $8 for kids, with all proceeds supporting the mission and vision of Spudnik Press Cooperative. The VIP packages includes an open bar and a commemorative bandana. Plus, VIP guests will stand out in the crowd by sporting their VIP-only golden tasting spoons!

Tickets are available at spudnikpress.org.
Featured Guests:

**WON KIM (REVISE CMW)**

A native of Chicago by way of Seoul, South Korea, Won was exposed to the world of Korean food through his mother growing up in West Rogers Park. Growing up in a household where both parents were always at work, Won was responsible for making the rice for the family and being a kimchi assistant to his mother. It was these kinds of responsibilities and experiences that would teach him the importance of food and eating in general.

Art was Won’s first passion but he always had an infinity for food and all it’s equal amount of creativity and experimentation. Having attended culinary school for a short amount of time, he mainly learned through staging, doing pop ups and helping friends in the industry for anything and everything food related. He has done everything from running a series of hosting beer dinners at Whole Foods Market, to being a private chef for Tom Kehoe to assisting in whole pig cookery. This would lead him down his current endeavor of running Kimski - a Korean Polish street food restaurant located in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago.

**LAWRENCE PETERS**

Lawrence Peters is a country singer, songwriter, drummer, bandleader, DJ, and America’s pre-eminent electric washboard player, with a music career spanning thirty-plus years. He is best known for his involvement in the watershed Songs: Ohia/ Magnolia Electric Company album, singing lead on the track “The Old Black Hen”.

He is an enthusiastic collector and curator of country records, many of which he spins on his radio show “Country, My Way”, on Chicago’s WLPN 105.5 FM, every Wednesday from 4 to 6pm, and at The Sportsman’s Club, the first Wednesday of every month.

Featured Chefs:

**BARREL MAKER PRINTING** opened its doors in 2009, and is a vibrant, approachable, and hard working community of people. They are screen printers, brand specialist, and customer service professionals.

**CANDOR ARTS** publishes books that focus on life, learning, and healing. Candor Arts provides design services in books and printed projects. Candor Arts designs and produces a line of handmade products.

**CHIRP RADIO** is a volunteer-driven, community radio station that focuses on music, arts, and culture. The station can be heard in Chicago at 107.1FM and worldwide at chirpradio.org. We are live and local every day of the year, and the city we live in is a key part of everything we do.

**FATA MORGANA PRESS** is the letterpress and design studio of Mary Clare Butler and Amy Leners. They specialize in custom prints, artist collaborations, and small publishing projects.

**LATITUDE CHICAGO** is a non-profit organization that maintains a community digital lab with high-end scanning and printing equipment, operate an artist in residence program, and organize ongoing arts programming.

**READ/WRITE LIBRARY** collects, preserves, and provides access to community media in order to inspire and promote diverse modes of cultural production and civic engagement. We strive to raise the visibility of work produced by Chicagoans of all backgrounds in order to reveal connective threads across neighborhoods, generations, and cultures.

**SPITEFUL BREWING** is committed to brewing proper beer and delivering it to Chicagoans, one case at a time.

**VICHCRAFT** is the independent and collaborative, multidisciplinary studio of Jenna Blazevich. With a focus on visual storytelling, she strives to craft charmingly unique brand experiences. Vichcraft has a current focus on building small, meaningful brands, and partnering with their purpose-driven leaders to build an authentic visual identity.