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Tribune announces Food Bowl, a weeks-long festival of Chicago's diverse food landscape

At an event on Cindy's Rooftop, the Chicago Tribune announced plans to launch its three-week-long Food Bowl festival, with food from Cindy's, Bang Bang Pies and Purple Pig, among others. (Joseph Hernandez / Chicago Tribune)

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Summer festival season just got a little more indulgent: The Chicago Tribune on Tuesday announced Food Bowl, a weeks-long food festival starting Aug. 8.

Inspired by a concept launched by sister paper the Los Angeles Times, the Tribune's Food Bowl will feature curated dinners, panel discussions, community outings and other food-focused events throughout Chicago. More than merely tastings, Food Bowl will also encompass discussions with industry leaders, like chefs, mixologists, academics and more, tallying up to more than 100 events over three weeks in the summer. A finale event, a Night Market, will take over Chicago's lakefront over three evenings, with vendors hawking global street food and wares to hungry and curious crowds.

At a Tuesday event at Cindy's Rooftop at the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, media, organizers and food industry pros gathered to launch the event. Chicago Tribune Editor-in-Chief Bruce Dold; Director of Content, Features, Amy Carr; and event producer Angus Dillon laid out what the Food Bowl will look like.

"The bowl is ... a great unifier; it brings people together across cuisines and cultures," said Dillon, Food Bowl's creator. With its 77 neighborhoods, Food Bowl is a chance for "going deeper and wider across Chicago's neighborhoods to uncover unique and memorable experiences in one curated program of must-see, -eat and -drink events."