

# From seasonal ingredients to legendary Michelin starred chefs – Belmond British Pullman announces its 2019 'pop-up' dinner series







13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Today, Belmond British Pullman announces its line-up of chefs for this year's 'pop-up' dinner series. In 2019, Spring's Skye Gyngell and The Conduit's Merlin Labron-Johnson will be joining the line-up for the first time.

A highly anticipated part of the luxury train's annual calendar, these intimate events see just 140 guests invited on board Belmond British Pullman for an exclusive dinner hosted by some of Britain's most iconic chefs.

As the train passes through the British countryside, guests will be served a bespoke seven course menu by their personal stewards and will have the chance to meet their favourite chef as the train travels on a circular route from London Victoria's Station. From seasonal local produce to top Michelin starred French cuisine, this year's line up will serve up a storm.

### Skye Gyngell - A taste of the season

On 21st June 2019, Skye Gyngell, chef founder of Spring restaurant at Somerset House and culinary director of Heckfield Place, will open the 2019 series with a taste of the summer season. With three cookbooks to her name, and an ethos rooted in sustainability and seasonality, Skye has garnered a reputation for dishes cooked predominantly with the finest quality produce from biodynamic farm Fern Verrow in Herefordshire. Skye's menu on board will be no exception.

## Raymond Blanc OBE - One of Belmond's own

Next to take to the train's galley kitchen is Belmond's own Raymond Blanc OBE - Chef Patron of the two Michelin star Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons. Raymond will take over the train with his world-famous French cuisine on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019. He will serve a specially created five course menu taking inspiration from beautiful summer produce and his French roots.

## Michel Roux Jr - A legendary two Michelin-starred chef

Following his debut on the train last year, Michel Roux Jr is back by popular demand. One of Britain's most highly regarded chefs and TV personalities, Roux Jr has been Chef Patron of the renowned two-Michelin starred restaurant, Le Gavroche, for over 25 years. A culinary legend, Roux Jr will return to the elegant surroundings of Belmond British Pullman on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 bringing his exquisite French cuisine to the train's guests.

## Merlin Labron-Johnson - A young chef on a mission

Passionate about the future of food, Michelin starred Merlin Labron-Johnson is a young British chef on a mission working to create conversation around food and address key issues, both within his community and beyond. Having gained a Michelin-star just nine months after opening Portland at only 24, he joined private member's club The Conduit as executive chef in October last year. Labron-Johnson will take to the rails on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 where his onboard menu will combine classic French techniques with modern sensibilities whilst striving for zero-waste.

# The final ingredient

The 2019 season will see several additional 'pop-up' events on board the train including two afternoon teas with the nation's favourite baker, Mary Berry on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Belmond British Pullman, sister train to the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, offers a host of journeys throughout the year from London Victoria Station, visiting some of Britain's most famous cities, country houses, sporting and social events. Prices for 'The Dinner' dinner journey start from £459 per person - for more information and reservations visit belmond.com or call 0845 077 2222.

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