



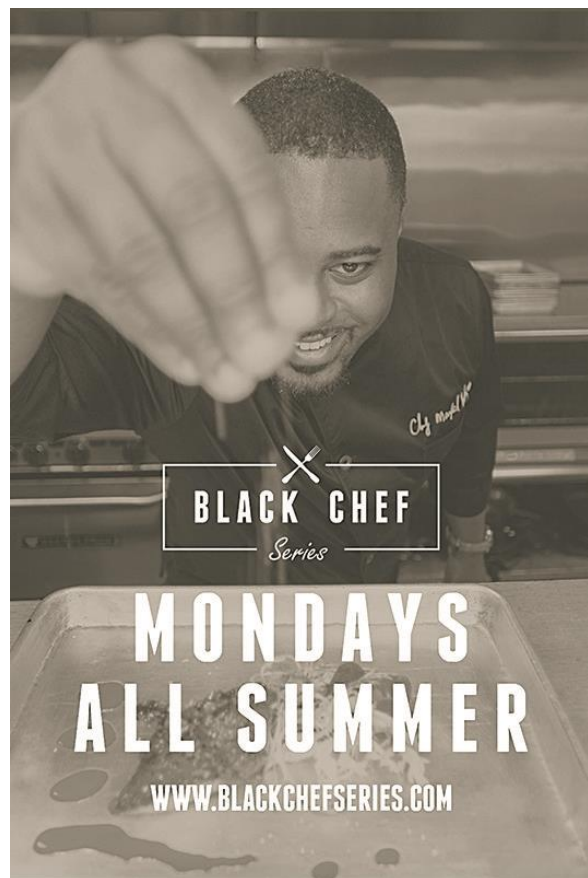
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### Black Chef Summer Series in Harlem

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Monday nights at Harlem’s newest comfort food restaurant, blujeen, just got a little more exciting with the launch of the Black Chef Summer Series (@BlackChefSeries). Founded by blujeen executive chef and owner, Lance Knowling, and his colleagues, Maxcel Hardy and Alize Beal, the Black Chef Summer Series serves as a platform to showcase the talents of African-American chefs across the country as they take over the kitchens of Black-owned restaurants.

During the series, blujeen will be sourcing fresh organic local produce from the Urban Farm of the Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corp. at Intervale Green, a sustainable, affordable housing complex in the Crotona East section of the Bronx. This 1,600-square-foot rooftop garden and greenhouse has promoted healthy eating in the Bronx since its 2010 launch, with more than 4,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables grown and distributed to residents of Intervale Green. Visit [whedco.org](http://whedco.org) for more information.



“The Urban Farm is proud to initiate this partnership with blujeeen and Chef Lance Knowling during the Black Chef Summer Series to support the financial viability of the farm and extend fresh, organic food to other NYC neighborhoods,” said Michelle Canizio, WHEDco’s sustainability and social change manager. “We can’t wait to see how these celebrated chefs put a distinctive and delicious spin on our seasonal produce. We are grateful to have this opportunity to provide produce to a local restaurant. ”

Five dinners remain in the series, two seatings each night at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., \$65 per person for a multi-course meal. Each participating chef will have the opportunity to give 10 percent of the evening’s proceeds to the Food Bank For New York City and a charity of his or her choice. To learn more about the chefs and the series, visit [blackchefseries.com](http://blackchefseries.com).

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