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### Buffalo chefs issue challenge

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BUFFALO — The Nickel City Chef cooking competition is seeking challengers for its 2009 season, which begins in June.

Applications are due by June 1. Rules and an application may be downloaded from [www.NickelCityChef.com](http://www.NickelCityChef.com).

The competition features Buffalo chefs and their challengers who are given an hour to create three innovative and technically perfect dishes featuring a secret ingredient that is grown or produced in Western New York.

The new season's challengers will face Chef/Owner Adam Goetz of Sample, Chef/Managing Partner Paul Jenkins of Tempo, Chef/Owner JJ Richert of Torches and Chef/Owner Krista Van Wagner of Curly's.

The 2009 Nickel City Chef season will be hosted by Bert Gambini of WBFO-FM, with other industry folks on hand to provide commentary from an insider's point of view. Celebrity guest judges and local food professionals will determine which chef prepares the most delicious cuisine. Even the live audience will have an opportunity to vote.

Nickel City Chef takes place inside a fully restored turn-of-the-century warehouse on Buffalo's West Side that is now the showroom for Artisan Kitchens & Baths. The venue includes two competition-worthy kitchens, .

At each competition, Nickel City Chef ticketholders will watch the event unfold as it is recorded for a future DVD.

#### Nickel City Chef 2009 Schedule

Sunday, June 21st

featuring Nickel City Chef Krista Van Wagner of Curly's

Sunday, July 19th

featuring Nickel City Chef JJ Richert of Torches

Sunday, August 23rd

featuring Nickel City Chef Paul Jenkins of Tempo

Sunday, September 20th

featuring Nickel City Chef Adam Goetz of Sample

Tickets go on sale June 12 at [www.NickelCityChef.com](http://www.NickelCityChef.com)

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