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San Jose Downtown Association's 18th Annual Dine Downtown Celebrates Global Cuisine

Restaurant Week Highlights Downtown's Diverse and Innovative Dining Scene

SAN JOSE, CA (July 9, 2026) – San Jose Downtown Association's signature event, Dine Downtown San Jose presented by San Jose Jazz Summer Fest, returns for its 18th year. Beginning today, July 9 - 19, over 45 restaurants will showcase specially curated prix fixe menus, inventive food and beverage pairings, and seasonal specials.

World Cup fans and Downtown visitors are encouraged to explore the wide international diversity of downtown San Jose's dining scene. The 11-day culinary adventure lines up with the final days of the soccer championship when watch parties are less frequent and visitors will have more time to sample the remarkable talents of local chefs serving dishes from across the world.

"Downtown San Jose has taken its rightful place on the world stage this year as host to the unbelievably successful watch parties for the FIFA World Cup and Super Bowl 60," said Brian Kurtz, CEO of San Jose Downtown Association. "Now, while the world is still watching, we're excited to show why Downtown is more than a special event destination, that it's a vibrant culinary powerhouse year-round."

Restaurants of all styles, from casual dining to acclaimed fine-dining establishments, including Michelin-rated and first-time contributors, are participating in the 11-day celebration. Foodies will love the variety of international flavors featured including Mezcal's Oaxacan menu, Eos & Nix's Mediterranean, Californian and North African fusions, Angkor Chef's rich, authentic Cambodian dishes, Nomikai's Japanese fusion cuisine, and so much more.

This year, San Jose Jazz Summer Fest is the presenting sponsor for the event. "We're thrilled to support this wonderful program," said Brendan Rawson, San Jose Jazz Executive Director. "The performing arts and the culinary arts are two peas in a pod and downtown continues to evolve as a great destination for Dinner-and-a-Show nights out. San Jose Jazz is always encouraging our patrons to come explore downtown's great new restaurants or revisit an old favorite. Dine Downtown is a great way to do just that."

Dine Downtown continues to serve as an important economic driver for San Jose's urban core, drawing thousands of patrons every July. Combining the event with the final World Cup festivities brings global and local crowds together for a delicious finale to celebrate Downtown San Jose.

Diners can visit dinedowntownsj.com for full details and participating restaurant menus.

Dine Downtown is sponsored by San Jose Jazz Summer Fest, City of San Jose, DoorDash and D3 Councilmember Anthony Tordillos.

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Downtown Parking Made Easy: Visitors can enjoy 90 minutes of free parking at designated garages, including Market & San Pedro Square, Second & San Carlos, Third Street, Fourth Street, and The Globe (Third & Santa Clara). More information is available at parksj.org.

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About San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA): Since 1986, the San Jose Downtown Association has provided marketing, advocacy, public art, and clean and safe initiatives on behalf of 2,000+ member businesses and property owners in Downtown San Jose. SJDA's mission is to support the members' vision of a vibrant Downtown San Jose for everyone.

About San Jose Jazz Summer Fest: Founded in 1990, San Jose Jazz Summer Fest has grown from a two-day grassroots gathering into one of the West Coast's premier music festivals, transforming downtown San José each August with more than 100 performances across eight stages. The Fest spans jazz, soul, funk, R&B, Latin, blues and beyond, drawing tens of thousands of music lovers to Plaza Park and surrounding venues. Headlining the 2026 edition (August 7–9) are Patti LaBelle, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Zapp Ft. Tuxedo, Cory Wong, Afro-Cuban All Stars, Adi Oasis, The Soul Rebels, Thee Sinseers and dozens more. summerfest.sanjosejazz.org