

Jay Ducote's Journey to the James Beard House

Chef Jay Ducote takes the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter on a road trip to the James Beard House in New York

Baton Rouge, LA ([PRWEB](#)) October 05, 2016 -- Oct. 5, 2016 - After two days in a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van, Chef Jay Ducote arrived at the James Beard House in Greenwich Village to represent his home state. He was invited to cook for an LSU tailgate-themed dinner on July 21 to celebrate its contribution to the American culinary heritage.

The James Beard House

It's an honor for chefs to get invited to cook in the legendary Beard House kitchen. The James Beard Foundation is known for its charity work and for recognizing the top cuisine in America with James Beard Awards that are considered the "Oscars" of the culinary world.

James Beard was an American cuisine mentor, author, and TV personality. He taught generations of chefs and food enthusiasts to appreciate the culinary heritage of the US. The foundation's legacy is based on promoting and preserving that knowledge through university scholarships.

Jay Ducote, the Self-Proclaimed Hugger Chef

The Baton Rouge native finished in the top three of Food Network Star season 11 in 2015, and he has been featured on chef programs including FOX's MasterChef, Food Network's Cutthroat Kitchen and The Kitchen, the Cooking Channel's Eat St., and Destination America's Last Call Food Brawl. Jay is also a speaker, writer, and entertainer. He hosted and produced the 2014 Taste Award and 2015 Louisiana Association of Broadcasters Award Winning Bite and Booze radio show.

Ducote's journey began in Baton Rouge with stops in Tennessee, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Alabama. Two days after the dinner in Manhattan, he represented Louisiana and the James Beard Foundation's Chefs & Champagne, completing his culinary tour on July 27th.

"Working with Mercedes-Benz of Baton Rouge on my journey to New York made the logistics of the entire trip so much easier", Jay explains. He continues: "The Sprinter van we drove to NYC was like a dream. It had space for my team, equipment and all the Cajun ingredients we wanted to bring with us to New York. The dealership staff made sure we were equipped with the right ride to get the job done.

Alongside his four-person cooking team, Ducote traveled in comfort and style. He took his prize winning bayou know-how and celebrated the culture and cuisine of Louisiana in the Big Apple. The Sprinter Crew Van was donated to his team by Mercedes-Benz of Baton Rouge, and he was able to drive all the way to New York. Even though the dinner was sit-down rather than tailgate style, the nine-dish dinner he served represented the iconic Louisiana flavors.

Mercedes-Benz of Baton Rouge

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style. The Sprinter Van line continues the legacy of reliability, comfort, and functionality for which the German brand is known.

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