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“Foodportunity” Series Continues

to Showcase Local Culinarians

**A food networking event connecting
Seattle's vibrant food community**

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6:00 pm

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SEATTLE, June 9, 2010--Want to ask “Urban Pantry” author Amy Pennington which varieties of tomato to plant in your garden, or Ethan Stowell why he named his new restaurant "Staple & Fancy Mercantile", or Jon Rowley if it's really okay to eat oysters year-round? If so, you'll want to attend the next Foodportunity. Amy, Ethan and Jon, along with restaurateurs Tamara Murphy, Brian McCracken, Dana Tough and Thierry Rautureau, will be on hand to share their know-how at this popular networking event for Seattle food professionals, on Monday, August 2, 2010 from 6p.m. to 9p.m. at Tom Douglas’ Palace Ballroom.

These chefs and food personalities will be available for questions and conversation in the lounge of the Palace Ballroom between 6:30-7:30 pm.

- **Thierry Rautureau**, owner of Luc and Rover’s
- **Ethan Stowell**, owner of Staple & Fancy Mercantile (coming soon), Anchovies & Olives, How to Cook a Wolf and Tavolata
- **Brian McCracken and Dana Tough**, owners of Spur Gastropub and Tavern Law
- **Tamara Murphy**, owner of the Elliott Bay Café (Pioneer Square and Capitol Hill locations) creator of An Incredible Feast, Burning Beast and author of newly released “*Tender: farmers, cooks, eaters*”.
- **Amy Pennington**, creator and owner of Gogogreengarden.com, UrbanGardenShare.org and author of newly released “*Urban Pantry*”.
- **Jon Rowley**, James Beard Who's Who of Food & Beverage in America (the only inductee from Washington), SAVEUR Top 100, Contributing editor to *Saveur* and *Seattle Weekly* Pellegrini Award winner.

[Tom Douglas](#), awarded National Restaurant of the Year by *Bon Appetit* magazine and a national James Beard nominee for Restaurateur of the Year, will provide his Palace Ballroom facilities to host the event and serve a selection of appetizers alongside several of Seattle's most talked-about restaurants, including: [Luc](#), [Ethan Stowell Restaurants](#), [Matt's in the Market](#), [Restaurant Zoe](#), [Cantinetta](#), [Taste](#) and [Fresh Bistro](#).

Beer and wine will be available from a cash bar, and a wide range of food products from local companies will be on display.

In addition, the first 40 Foodportunity ticket-holders to send an email to info@foodportunity.com will get a seat at the "speed networking" session, hosted once again by KOMO Restaurant Reporter and *Seattle Weekly* food writer, **Julien Perry**.

Foodportunity is open to food journalists, bloggers, public relations professionals, restaurateurs, farmers and all food-passionate people. Early Bird Admission is \$25 (including all fees) General Admission is \$30 (including all fees), through Brown Paper Tickets <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/113987>. Buy tickets early as all past events have sold-out.

Palace Ballroom is located at 2100 5th Avenue in downtown Seattle. More information is available online at Foodportunity.com.

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*Keren Brown, aka Frantic Foodie, is the founder of the highly popular networking event known as **Foodportunity** as well as other food-related educational events. She also organizes monthly events for Seattle food bloggers, creating lasting contacts and connections. Keren's food events information can be found at Frantic Foodie in the Seattle P-I, FranticFoodie.com and on the events page of MyNorthwest.com. In April, she was named "[Doer of the Week](#)" by MarthaStewart.com*