**TASTE OF FAME 2024 - VIP SCRIPT**

**\*\*\*Display VIP Welcome\*\*\***

**Mitch**

* Hello and welcome to WCNY's 10th Annual Taste of Fame VIP Event! My name is Mitch Gelman, President, and CEO of WCNY. Thank you for joining us here at Drumlins Country Club for this exciting culinary experience.
* Thank you to all our sponsors for supporting this year’s Taste of Fame, including our presenting sponsor Wegmans, dinner sponsor William G. Pomeroy Foundation, VIP wine sponsor Billsboro Winery, and VIP cookbook sponsor Vince’s Gourmet Imports.
* WCNY is committed to serving the Central New York Community by providing content that elevates the educational and cultural enrichment of our region. Events like today help WCNY achieve its goals and mission, and this would not be possible without each and every one of you.
* We are excited to kick off this year’s Taste of Fame with our VIP Cooking Demo Event! We hope you enjoyed meeting and chatting with Chef Tiffany. We will be posting your photos with Tiffany on our website: wcny.org/tasteoffame next week!
* I'd now like to express my thanks to this year’s host, Celebrity Chef and Restaurateur Tiffany Derry.
* I’d also like to thank our emcee Charlie Miller, multi-media journalist at Syracuse.com.
* We can’t thank you enough for being here tonight, and for all of your support of WCNY and Taste of Fame.
* Tonight is truly going to be a fantastic and memorable evening.

**Mitch Leaves Stage**

**Charlie and Tiffany Take the Stage**

**Charlie**

* Thank you, Mitch!
* Welcome to WCNY’s Taste of Fame VIP Cooking Demo Event!

**Tiffany**

* I am so excited to kick off the evening with you all!
  + Talk about your background, how you became a Chef, TV shows, fun facts, etc.

**Charlie**

* Who’s ready to see Chef Tiffany live in action? Let the cooking demo begin!

**Start Cooking Demo**

**Charlie**

* Ask Tiffany questions about her background, three restaurants (Roots Chicken Shak, Roots Southern Table, and Radici), behind-the-scenes of filming, etc.

**End Cooking Demo**

**Charlie**

* How awesome was that live cooking demo? Let’s give it up for Chef Tiffany!
* There are more cocktails and hors d’Oeuvres waiting for you in the ballroom.
* Please join us for cocktail hour here at Drumlins Country Club on the opposite end of the building. Feel free to move your car to the other side, or you can also walk out the back doors of the restaurant and make your way to the right!

**\*\*\*Display VIP Thank You\*\*\***

**Tiffany**

* Thank you all for joining us tonight for the VIP event! I had such a great time meeting you all, taking photos, and cooking with you. I hope you enjoyed the event, and I can’t wait to see you all at the three-course dinner!

**Charlie and Tiffany Leave the Stage**