

Save the Date: For the Love of Cocktails and More

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Francesco Lafraconi is one of the featured guests at the Meet the Masters Wine Dinner. | Photo by Jon Estrada

The second annual **For the Love of Cocktails** gala tasting will once again take over the 64th floor of the Delano for an evening of incomparable mixology and breathtaking cityscapes. However, this time, the charitable affair (Feb. 12-14) spans three days and nights of cocktailing in the name of love, camaraderie and charity. Tickets to all events are available now at ForTheLoveOfCocktails.com. C'mon, do it for the love of ...

Wine

Kick things off February 12 with the **Meet the Masters Wine Dinner** at Aureole (\$150, 6-9 p.m., in Mandalay Bay). Enjoy five wine-paired courses with welcome wine cocktails by author and world-renowned mixologist Tony Abou-Ganim, Dale "King Cocktail" DeGroff and Southern Wine & Spirits educator [Francesco Lafraconi](http://FrancescoLafraconi.com).

Socializing

The party moves at 9 p.m. to Franklin bar for **Cocktails & Conversation**, a lively mingle with your hosts and a cash bar. The possibilities are endless!

Bartenders

Curious how the other side of the bar lives? Party with industry members on their time and turf at **The Life of a Bartender**, an after-hours soiree at beloved bartender "clubhouse," Herbs & Rye (3713 W. Sahara Ave, HerbsAndRye.com), midnight to 4 a.m. Gird your liver, friends.

Learning

Start drinking—er, learning bright and early (11:30 a.m., Feb. 13) with a day of **spirited seminars**, including "I'll Take Manhattans" with DeGroff and "Making Great Cocktails At Home," Abou-Ganim's hands-on, ladies-only mixology experience.

Cocktails

This is it! The **For the Love of Cocktails Gala** at Mix pairs more than 30 bartenders with sponsored spirits for an evening of inspired, original cocktail creations, gourmet food and live entertainment, plus rare spirit tastings and cigar sampling. Not to be missed!

Relief

Produced by founder Abou-Ganim in concert with Back Bar USA and the United States Bartenders' Guild, For the Love of Cocktails' proceeds benefit the Helen David Relief Fund for Bartenders Affected by Breast Cancer. And should you need relief the morning after the gala, Saturday's **Bloody Mary Brunch** at Della's Kitchen should get you back on track.

- See more at: <http://vegasseven.com/2015/02/04/save-date-love-cocktails/#sthash.8aglfU9x.dpuf>