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FUTURE OF FOOD SERIES AT THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC FOCUSES ON SUSTAINABILITY

Los Angeles Times Food Editor Russ Parsons moderates discussions with experts including authors, organic farmers, and a celebrity chef

WHAT: The Aquarium of the Pacific is presenting The Future of Food, an ongoing series of talks hosted by *Los Angeles Times* Food Editor Russ Parsons and featuring experts representing different sectors of the American food system.

On February 4, 2015, Belcampo Inc. CEO Anya Fernald, an expert on the slow food movement and agritourism, will discuss humanely raised organic meat. On May 7, 2015, organic farmer David "Mas" Masumoto will discuss organic farming and its connections to the humanities. Masumoto is the author of *Four Seasons in Five Senses* and *Wisdom of the Last Farmer*. On October 7, 2015, chef Michael Cimarusti will discuss how the fine dining industry can get involved with sustainable food. Cimarusti, owner and chef of Providence Restaurant in Los Angeles, has appeared on Bravo TV's *Top Chef Masters* and Food Network's *Iron Chef America*. Providence has been named the best restaurant in Southern California by the *Los Angeles Times* for two years running.

Tickets for this series are available by phone or online. Attendees will have the opportunity to view the Aquarium's exhibits during Future of Food events. The talks will also be streamed live on the Aquarium's website. Additional events will be scheduled

WHEN: February 4, May 7, and October 7, 2015; 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

WHERE: **Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802**

COST: \$8/member; \$10/non-member (includes parking).

INFO/TICKETS: (562) 590-3100 / aquariumofpacific.org

AQUARIUM: The nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific is a community gathering place where diverse cultures and the arts are celebrated and where important topics facing our planet are explored by scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders in search of sustainable solutions. The Aquarium is dedicated to conserving and building nature and nature's services by building the interactions between and among peoples. Home to more than 11,000 animals, Aquarium exhibits include the June Keyes Penguin Habitat, Ocean Science Center, Molina Animal Care Center, and the interactive Shark Lagoon and Lorikeet Forest exhibits. Beyond its animal exhibits, the Aquarium offers educational programs for people of all ages, from hands-on activities to lectures by leading scientists.



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