



THE DRAFT FOR TEAM USA: 2009 BAKING SEASON The Bread Bakers Guild of America Master Class

THOMAS GUMPEL TO TEACH HOLIDAY BAKING CLASS AT FRENCH CULINARY INSTITUTE

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July 2009, Sonoma, CA – The Bread Bakers Guild of America’s 2009 National Tour comes to The Big Apple this summer with an advanced baking education class in holiday breads taught by award-winning baker, Thomas Gumpel.

Holiday Breads, a Major League class aimed at intermediate and advanced bakers, will be held at the French Culinary Institute in New York City on August 7-8. Participants will learn to make creative variations on traditional holiday breads, including chocolate cherry panettone, almond stollen, cinnamon babka, and honey challah.

Gumpel is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, New York, and later taught at that campus and the CIA campus in California. He was a member of Bread Bakers Guild Team USA 1999, which won a gold medal in the Coupe du Monde de la Boulangerie (The World Cup of Baking). His pastries and breads have won three gold medals and a silver medal in the New York Food Show, and he has been featured on national television programs and in the *New York Times*. He is currently Vice President of Bakery Development at Panera Bread.

The Draft for Team USA: 2009 National Tour is part of The Guild’s mission to “shape the skills and knowledge of the artisan baking community.” Classes on the Tour are taught by Bread Bakers Guild Team USA alumni and coaches. For the full 2009 class schedule, please refer to www.bbga.org.

Class flyer is attached.

The Bread Bakers Guild of America is a non-profit organization comprised of professional bakers, farmers, millers, suppliers, educators, students, home bakers, technical experts, and bakery owners and managers who work together to support the principle and the practice of producing the highest quality baked goods. It was formed in 1993 to shape the skills and knowledge of the artisan baking community through education.

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