











Moveable Feast

Progress comes in many forms, but progressive dinner partiesthree venues, three courses-have to be the most satisfying. In honor of our annual restaurant issue, six star Chicago chefs and restaurateurs plan their dream stop-by-stop dinners.

1. Carrie Nahabedian Cheflco-owner, Naha

FIRST COURSE The rabbit with white truffles at Charlie Trotter's, with roasted pieces of cèpes and celery root and snips of tarragon and chervil, is stunning. SECOND COURSE Sarah Stegner and George Bumbaris at Prairie Grass Café do a vegetable slaw like no other. It's served with a plump soft-shell crab and a killer garlic-and-herb aioli.

THIRD COURSE The Grand Marnier soufflé from Les Nomades. High and fluffy, cake-like and rich, it exudes luxury.

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SECOND COURSE I would keep it simple and head to Mr. Beef for a great Italian beef combo sandwich with hot and sweet peppers. That's my junk food treat. THIRD COURSE Shaw's Crab House for their signature raspberry pie. It's the best in the summer-just fresh raspberries and crust.

5. Michael McDonald

Executive chef, one sixtyblue FIRST COURSE The pork and cilantro dumplings from UrbanBelly. SECOND COURSE I'd get the sautéed Maine scallops with soba gnocchi at Takashi. We both use a lot of natural Asian flavors, so it's comforting for me to eat there. THIRD COURSE Since I'm surrounded by pastries all day, I would prefer Pastoral's selection of handcrafted, Midwestern cheeses, like their Huckleberry Blue.

6. Chris Pandel

Executive chef, The Bristol FIRST COURSE I would head to the South

Side's Carl's Red Hots with my dad for a hot dog and a round of golf nearby. SECOND COURSE A slice of Gino's pizza with the rest of the family at the original location downtown. My folks went there when they started dating and have been taking my brother, sister and me since we were babies. THIRD COURSE Finally, off to Cicero to Freddy's Pizzeria for an Italian ice. I like the pistachio, but they're all amazing. -Lisa Shames



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