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About Mike Mills & 17th Street

Bio

In the world of barbecue, champion pitmaster Mike Mills is affectionately known as “The Legend.” He presides over the pits at his seven nationally acclaimed barbecue restaurants—four 17th Street Bar & Grill restaurants in Southern Illinois and three Memphis Championship Barbecue restaurants in Las Vegas. In the early 1990s he was co-captain of the Apple City Barbecue team, one of the most celebrated teams ever on the circuit. He is a four-time World Champion and three-time Grand World Champion at Memphis in May, otherwise known as the Super Bowl of Swine. He is also the barbecue guru and a partner at Blue Smoke restaurant in New York City. Mike’s book *Peace, Love, and Barbecue* was nominated for a 2006 James Beard Foundation award and received the 2006 National Barbecue Association Award of Excellence.

- Owner of seven nationally acclaimed barbecue joints—four **17th Street Bar & Grill** restaurants in Southern Illinois and three **Memphis Championship Barbecue** restaurants in Las Vegas. Mike’s restaurants operate under **two different names—but it’s all Mike Mills’s barbecue.**
- Mike is the only barbecuer with **top-security clearance to board Air Force One** and he’s the only barbecuer who’s been **featured in Vogue magazine** four times!
- Named **Best Ribs in America** by *Bon Appetit* magazine (Sept. ’07) and featured on the Food Network special **Bon Appetit Picks the Best.**
- *Restaurants & Institutions* (Sept. ’07) magazine called Mike America’s **“most-revered barbecue restaurateur.”**
- For 13 years Mike was the **only three-time Grand World Champion** at Memphis in May, otherwise known as the Super Bowl of Swine. His record was tied in 2007.

Media Appearances

Print

The New York Times
Chicago Tribune
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Los Angeles Times
Food & Wine
Gourmet
Bon Appetit
Chile Pepper
National Restaurant News
National Barbecue News
Food Arts
Vogue
Various local and regional papers

Television

Live with Regis & Kelly
Good Morning America
The Well-Seasoned Traveler/A&E
Unwrapped/Food Network
BBQ with Bobby Flay/Food Network
Al Roker’s Barbecue Road Trip/Food Network
All-Star Barbecue Showdown/Versus
Bon Appetit Picks the Best/Food Network
Food Paradise/The Travel Channel

Radio

NPR/All Things Considered
G. Gordon Liddy Show
Numerous local and regional stations