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## THIS WEEK

» Oscar winner **Forest Whitaker** and the Bears' **Amobi Okoye** will co-host the GEANCO Foundation's Health and Hope for Africa Concert Gala on Saturday at the Museum of Science and Industry.

» Bears linebacker **Lance Briggs** will be at Challenger Comics on Saturday to accept comic book and graphic novel donations for his Briggs4Kidz Foundation and to promote his new comic book, "Seraph."

# Gaga gourmet



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Before teaming up with Joe Germanotta on their yet-to-open restaurant, Joanne, in New York, Table Fifty-Two chef Art Smith teamed up with Germanotta's daughter, Stefani — aka Lady Gaga — on "A Very Gaga Thanksgiving."

Smith, whom Gaga introduced as her "favorite chef in the whole world," appeared on the cooking portion of the ABC special Thursday. The "Top Chef Masters" alum and former personal chef for Oprah Winfrey made fried turkey and waffles alongside Gaga.

"The first thing he ever made me was fried chicken and waffles," Gaga said of Smith during the special, "and I went into a coma that

was so incredible that I really think I levitated off the Earth and fell asleep."

Smith said the feeling was mutual. He famously lost 85 pounds and claimed he shed much of the weight dancing to Gaga's hit song "Bad Romance."

"I loved every minute," Smith said of his segment Saturday by email. "... To be asked was such an honor. And it was even more of an honor to take her family's recipes and allow them to inspire our cooking together."

During the special, which averaged 5.4 million total viewers, Smith incorporated Gaga's grandmother's cranberry sauce and her aunt and uncle's spiced pecans, among other items. And in typical Gaga fashion, she wore a Kentucky Derby-worthy hat and a yellow Valentino Couture jacket while cracking eggs. The singer did, however, take the jacket off to whisk the waffle mixture.

"I think I need Mr. Valentino to design a new chef jacket for me," wrote Smith, who watched the special with family at a resort in Sea Island, Ga. "My blue jacket needs an update with the fashionable company that I'm keeping and my new sexy."

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**Art Smith**  
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## ALSO SPOTTED...

» Bears quarterback **Jay Cutler** hit up Public House following his team's win over San Diego on Nov. 20. Head coach **Lovie Smith** opted for Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab after the game.

» "American Idol" finalist and Wheeling native **Haley Reinhart** shopped at Sofia on Nov. 21.



» Rapper/producer **Jemaine Dupri** (above) had dinner at Karyn's on Green in Greektown on Friday.

» The day after getting ejected for stomping an opposing player on Thanksgiving, the Detroit Lions' **Ndamukong Suh** was spotted with the Bears' **Amobi Okoye** at Chicago Cut Steakhouse and Paris Club's upstairs lounge, Studio Paris.

» Band **Fitz and the Tantrums** had dinner at Paris Club on Nov. 21.

» The Cubs' **Kerry Wood** and **Jeff Samardzija** watched football at Hub 51 on Nov. 21.

» Former "Friday Night Lights" star **Zach Gilford** and girlfriend **Kiele Sanchez**, who briefly played Nikki Fernandez on "Lost," dined at People Lounge in Wicker Park on Wednesday. Filter lead singer **Richard Patrick** ate there Saturday.



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—Lady Gaga, during "A Very Gaga Thanksgiving" on Thursday, on Chicago chef Art Smith's chicken and waffles