



# COOK LIKE A STAR



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**TALENT:** MAGIC

## THE ACT...

Joe, a skilled magician, illusionist, and chef, will enchant the judges with his culinary sleight of hand. Food items will appear and vanish at his command, and dishes will levitate – all leading to the creation of a delectable homemade guacamole. Lemons and limes will materialize from thin air, while dazzling coin tricks transform currency into crispy, edible crostinis. For his grand finale, Joe will levitate a single sprig of cilantro, adding a touch of whimsical magic as the final garnish to his flawless guacamole.



## ABOUT

- Joe comes from a large Italian/Hispanic family with 5 sisters and 1 brother. His grandmas on both sides of the family inspired him to cook. He especially found himself intrigued by Mexican cuisine — and nowadays, his family's Carne Asada Torta is one his favorite dishes to cook.
- From an early age, Joe found cooking *and* performing magic to be his passions. He had dreams of attending Le Cordon Bleu in France, but when the time came to choose his path, Joe decided to earn experience working in real restaurants instead of school. He has since worked with some of the best chefs on both coasts, notably with Chef David Burke at his private country club.
- He actually took a hiatus from restaurants during the pandemic and began focusing more on his magic. These days, magic has overtaken the day job slot, but he still finds time to work on his cooking every night. He can eat glass, shoot fire from seemingly nowhere, make objects levitate, perform card magic, as well as many other tricks and illusions. Inspired by Criss Angel, Joe says his style and his magic is more unconventional than many other magicians out there.
- At 12-years-old, he was cooking for massive family events for as many as 50 hungry people. These days, Joe loves combine flavors from Africa and Japan to Italy and America, all in the name of crafting a culinary experience like any other. His ability to connect with the audience through his language of flavor and his style of magic is truly a sight to see.



*Casting Note: He was the winner on an episode of Pictionary in 2023. He has some other small film and TV credits that are non-cooking or gameshow/competition show-related.*