

South Carolina ETV to premiere *Food for Thought* with special screening

COLUMBIA, S.C. – South Carolina ETV (SCETV) will host a <u>premiere screening</u> for the pilot episode of its new original series <u>Food for Thought</u> on Jan. 22 at the SCETV studios in Columbia. **Food for Thought** is an engaging new series that explores the unique friendship between South Carolina House of Representatives members JA Moore (D-Charleston) and Chairman Jeff Bradley (R-Beaufort), who have built a bond across party lines through their shared passion for food, politics and South Carolina's vibrant culture.

The Jan. 22 event begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the screening of the pilot episode at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear a panel discussion featuring Representatives Moore and Bradley, along with host Brittney Brackett and the show's producer Keith Bogart. Moore and Bradley will share insights from filming the series and their hope for using food and storytelling to bridge political divides. The event is free and open to the public, with complimentary parking available onsite. Due to limited seating, early registration is strongly encouraged.

Food for Thought blends humor, meaningful dialogue and culinary exploration as Moore and Bradley travel across the state, showcasing local food growers, producers and events. Along the way, they engage in spirited discussions about critical social and political issues, all while enjoying South Carolina's rich flavors.

In the pilot episode, Moore and Bradley embark on a culinary journey through Charleston gathering ingredients for a dinner party with friends. Their adventures in the local food scene set the stage for candid discussions about the evening's menu as well as a heartfelt conversation on gun control, which is a deeply personal topic for Representative Moore. The dinner party becomes the perfect setting for lively debate, camaraderie and a surprise visit from a political guest.

The pilot episode of *Food for Thought* will air on Jan. 30 at 8:30 p.m. on ETV-HD.

QUOTES

"At SCETV, we are deeply committed to creating programming that not only entertains but also informs and fosters meaningful conversations across our communities. From *This Week in South Carolina* and the *SC Lede* podcast to *State House Today* and comprehensive news coverage, SCETV is at the forefront of legislative and political discussions, providing valuable insights into South Carolina's political landscape. *Food for Thought* is a perfect example of how we can use storytelling to bridge divides, celebrate shared passions and spark dialogue. We are excited to premiere this unique pilot episode and invite viewers to join us on this journey of food, culture and connection." –SCETV President and CEO Adrienne Fairwell

"With nearly two decades of experience in the Food and Beverage Industry, I came up with the idea for **Food for Thought** over six years ago. Food has an incredible ability to bring people together, even those with different backgrounds. Through **Food for Thought**, we're not just sharing meals: we're creating conversations and proving that common ground can be found in unexpected places. I'm excited to work with Jeff and showcase the unique stories and flavors of South Carolina. With an aim to lead the next generation towards unity and understanding." – **Representative JA Moore (D-Charleston)**

"This show is about more than just great food—it's about celebrating what makes South Carolina special and finding ways to connect through our shared experiences. Working on *Food for Thought* with JA has been a rewarding adventure, and I hope viewers will see how conversations around a dinner table can spark understanding and build stronger communities. Despite the animus that is often present in political spaces, down here, friends can disagree and still be friends." – Chairman Jeff Bradley (R-Beaufort)



FAST FACTS

- The <u>premiere screening</u> of *Food for Thought* is Jan. 22 at the SCETV studios located at 1041 George Rogers Blvd. in Columbia. A reception begins at 6 p.m. followed by the screening at 6:30 p.m.
- Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion featuring South Carolina House of Representatives members JA Moore (D-Charleston) and Chairman Jeff Bradley (R-Beaufort), along with host Brittney Brackett and the show's producer Keith Bogart.
- **Food for Thought** is a new original series that explores the bipartisan friendship of Representatives Moore and Bradley, highlighting their shared love of food, politics and South Carolina's rich culinary traditions.
- The pilot episode, featuring a culinary journey through Charleston and a meaningful discussion on gun control will air on Jan. 30 at 8:30 p.m. on ETV-HD.

About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. SCETV amplifies South Carolina voices, provides educational experiences and strengthens communities, while working toward creating a stronger, more connected and informed South Carolina. In addition to airing local programs, such as *The Know Show, Making It Grow,* and *This Week in South Carolina,* SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including Books *By The River, After Action, Reconnecting Roots, Reel South, Somewhere South, Yoga in Practice, Downing of a Flag* and *Southern Songwriters with Patrick Davis.*

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