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A global bartending champion, James Beard Award winning beverage designer and guest experience guru, Charles Joly is a leader in the international craft cocktail and spirits movement. With over 20 years in the hospitality industry, he has helped to usher in the modern age of the cocktail. Fresh off of his fifth year creating and serving the signature cocktails at the Oscars and Emmys, he is a go-to entertainment personality for sources like People, E!, Access Hollywood, US Weekly, The Today Show, Rachel Ray and others. Charles is sought out for his refined palate, creativity and no-nonsense approach to hosting.

As one of the most respected authorities in the beverage field, Charles regularly shares the stage with his celebrity counterparts from the culinary world. He's had the honor of creating cocktail pairings alongside Dominique Crenn, Stephanie Izard, Jose Andres and other visionaries. Charles recently shared a judging panel with Andrew Zimmern and Emeril at Eric Ripert's Cayman Cookout, because even bartenders need to eat. His shakers have a lot of miles on them, helming the bar at marquis events like the Grammys, Kentucky Derby, Jimmy Kimmel's after parties and quieter affairs such as the Scott Brother's 40th Birthday, Oprah's 25th anniversary, celebrity weddings and private performances. Regardless of the venue, Charles never strays from his light-hearted and direct take on cocktails: respect your guest, respect your craft, be present, use honest ingredients and have fun along the way! The only American ever to win *World Class by Diageo*, the largest and most prestigious bartending competition on the planet, Charles has racked up an impressive list of awards.

Highlights include NBC's *On the Rocks* reality series, where he took home top honors and \$100,000 prize, 4 James Beard nominations in addition to his win, making the list of "10 of the Most Influential Bartenders" by Bon Appétit and being named "US Bartender of the Year" by Tales of the Cocktail.

His passion for culture, history, traditions and the people behind the cocktails and spirits we love have taken him to more than 50 countries. During his travels, Charles leads master classes for professionals and enthusiasts, visits spirit producers at the source, is tapped for his expertise and dives head into the rich and diverse landscapes our world has to offer. It turns out you can learn quite a bit about someone while sharing a cocktail together...

Looking to fill the need for superb quality cocktails outside of the bar, Charles co-founded and designed Craffhouse Cocktails, a line of fully prepared, all-natural bottled cocktails. Craffhouse quickly became the highest rated bottled drinks ever and have found their way onto airlines, cruise ships and arenas. Craffhouse reinforces Charles' belief that great cocktails should be unpretentious, accessible and bring people together to celebrate.

Combining his decades of hands-on experience, keen design eye & passion for "demystifying" the cocktail, Charles teamed up with Fortessa Tableware Solutions to create a functional and stunning line of bar tools and glassware for the home bartender and professional alike.

Entertainment experts like Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn and Crate & Barrel agreed that he had hit the mark and joined in as partners.

Charles was raised by his grandparents on Chicago's South Side and continues to carry on his blue collar roots. He's been fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with fantastic charities over the years including No Kid Hungry/Taste of the Nation, Meals On Wheels, Habitat For Humanity, countless rescue animal organizations and many others.

When he's not mixing up cocktails, Charles is spending time with his rescue pittie, Jackson (#AdoptDontShop), scouring vintage and flea markets for buried treasure that he shares on his Instagram account @TellTailVintage and trying to keep his many house plants alive.

Academy Awards, Official Mixologist 2015-2020

Emmys, Official Mixologist 2015-2020

Grammys, Official Mixologist 2015

Kentucky Derby, Official Mixologist 2015-2018

2015/2016 Craffhouse Cocktails win top honors from SF World Spirits Competition & Beverage Tasting Institute

2015/2016/2017/2018 James Beard Awards, Beverage Professional semi-finalist

2014- Diageo World Class Global Champion, only American to ever win this title

2014- World's Best Cocktail Menu, Tales of the Cocktail

2013- James Beard Award, Outstanding Beverage Program

2013- US Bartender of the Year, Tales of the Cocktail

NBC "On the Rocks" \$100,000 Winner, Best Bartender in America

Bon Appétit- 10 Most Influential Bartenders of the Past 10 Years

Wine Enthusiast- 40 Under 40 Spirits/Wine Professionals

Crain's Business, 2014- 40 Under 40

Appearances on The Today Show, Rachael Ray, Steve Harvey, Tyra Banks Show

2014-2020 Spirits Tasting Judge, San Francisco World Spirits Competition & Beverage Testing Institute

Consulting Mixologist to develop new spirit profiles with Diageo & Pernod Ricard (Johnnie Walker Scotch, Ron Zacapa Rum, Olmeca Altos Tequila)

2014-present Senior Educator & course development for master level classwork delivered internationally

2014-2020 Featured Mixologist for Food & Wine's Cayman Cookout with Eric Ripert, Jose Andres, Anthony Bourdain & others

1st Place, International Tequila Competition Mexico

1st Place, Auchentoshan Switch, Scotland/NY

1st Place, Vinos De Jerez International Sherry Competition

1st Place, Rioja Wines Cocktail Competition

BAR 5-Day Certification

United States Bartender's Guild, 10yr+ Member, First in US to attain mixology certifications

Guest Speaker: LA Food & Wine, Aspen Food & Wine, Bar Convent Berlin, Tales of the Cocktail, Madrid Bar Show, Warsaw Bar Show, POPFest, Portland Cocktail Week, Arizona Cocktail Week, National Restaurant Show