

# Mike Mills

In the world of barbecue, champion pitmaster Mike Mills is affectionately known as **"The Legend."** He presides over the pits at his **two nationally acclaimed 17th Street Barbecue restaurants** in Southern Illinois. 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 **1992 Grand Champion of the Jack Daniel's World Invitational** Barbecue Cooking Contest and he won the Jack Daniel's Sauce Contest that year as well. Mike is the barbecue guru at and a partner in Blue Smoke restaurant in New York City. His book, **Peace, Love, and Barbecue** was **nominated for a 2006 James Beard Foundation award and received the 2006 National Barbecue Association Award of Excellence**. In October 2008 he was honored with the **Pioneer of Barbecue award** at the Jack Daniel's World Invitational Barbecue Cooking Contest. Mike was inducted into the **Barbecue Hall of Fame** in 2010.



## Media Appearances

### PRINT

The New York Times  
Chicago Tribune  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Los Angeles Times  
Food & Wine  
Gourmet  
Chile Pepper  
Nation's Restaurant News  
National Barbecue News  
Vogue  
People  
Bon Appetit  
Food Arts

### TELEVISION

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

### RADIO

Heritage Radio Network  
Martha Stewart Living Radio  
NPR  
G. Gordon Liddy Show

- ★ Owner of two nationally acclaimed **17th Street Barbecue** restaurants in Southern Illinois.
- ★ The only barbecuer with **top-security clearance to board Air Force One** and the only barbecuer who's been **featured in Vogue** – four times!
- ★ Named **Best Ribs in America** by *Bon Appétit* magazine (Sept. '07), **Top 10 BBQ** by *Playboy* (July/August '09), **Best BBQ in America** by *Travel + Leisure* (Sept. '09), Featured on the Food Network special **Bon Appétit Picks the Best** and **BBQ Paradise** on the Travel Channel.
- ★ Inducted into the **National Barbecue Hall of Fame** in February 2010.
- ★ *Restaurants & Institutions* magazine (Sept. '07) 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.

