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THE BAYLESS
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Most people know **Rick Bayless** from winning the title of **Bravo's "Top Chef Masters."** His highly rated public television series, "**Mexico: One Plate at a Time,**" is broadcast coast to coast and his nine cookbooks have earned multiple high-profile accolades.

Located in Chicago, **Rick and Deann Bayless' Frontera Grill and Topolobampo** have each received the "**Outstanding Restaurant of the Year**" designation from the **James Beard Foundation**—an unprecedented feat for side-by-side restaurants. Their wildly popular fast-casual **Xoco** debuted in 2009 and **Tortas Frontera** at **Chicago's O'Hare airport** has changed the face of airport dining. In 2016, they opened **Frontera Cocina** in **Disney Springs**. In 2018, **Rick and Deann** expanded their Clark Street restaurants by opening **Bar Sótano**, a Oaxacan-inspired mezcal bar with modern Mexican bar food led by daughter **Lanie Bayless**.

Tortazo, Rick's new fast-casual concept, debuted in 2020 in **Chicago's iconic Willis Tower**, with plans to open an outpost in New York City in fall 2021.

In 2012 and again in 2014, **Rick** joined forces with **Lookingglass Theatre Company** to create **Cascabel**, the story of food's capacity to change lives. **Cascabel's** audience shared a meal with the cast of actors, musicians, singers and circus performers as the tale of unrequited love resolved into magical beauty.

Always philanthropists, **Rick and Deann** established the **Frontera Farmer Foundation** in 2003 to support small Midwestern farms. To date, the Foundation has awarded **nearly 200 grants totaling nearly \$3 million**. They also launched the **Frontera Scholarship**, a culinary school scholarship for Mexican-American students in Chicago. In 2019, **Rick** founded **Impact Culinary Training**, a restaurant job readiness program on the city's west side. And in 2017 they established the **Bayless Family Foundation** to support the city's vibrant theater scene. Led by **Kevin Sullivan**, the foundation has awarded grants to Chicago theater companies totaling **\$1.5 million to date**.



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