



Contact: amy@17thstreetbarbecue.com

781-799-7202

17thstreetbarbecue.com

memphis-bbq.com



About Mike Mills

In the world of barbecue, champion pitmaster Mike Mills is affectionately known as “The Legend.” He presides over the pits at his seven nationally acclaimed barbecue restaurants—four 17th Street Bar & Grill restaurants in Southern Illinois and three Memphis Championship Barbecue restaurants in Las Vegas. 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.

- Owner of seven nationally acclaimed barbecue joints—four **17th Street Bar & Grill** restaurants in Southern Illinois and three **Memphis Championship Barbecue** restaurants in Las Vegas. Mike’s restaurants operate under **different names—but it’s all Mike Mills’s barbecue.**
- Mike is the only barbecuer with **top-security clearance** to board Air Force One and he’s the only barbecuer who’s been **featured in Vogue magazine**—four times!
- Named **Best Ribs in America** by *Bon Appetit* magazine (Sept. ’07), **Top 10 BBQ** by *Playboy* (July/August ’09), **Best BBQ in America** by *Travel + Leisure* (Sept. ’09), Best featured on the Food Network special **Bon Appetit Picks the Best** and **BBQ Paradise** on the Travel Channel.
- Mike was 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.

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

Martha Stewart Living radio
NPR
G. Gordon Liddy Show