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CHEF AND ACTOR DAVID BURTKA'S LIFE IS A PARTY ACQUIRED BY GRAND CENTRAL LIFE & STYLE

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Grand Central Life & Style, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing, is excited to announce the acquisition of a debut entertaining and cookbook—LIFE IS A PARTY—by chef and actor David Burtka. Grand Central Life & Style's Karen Murgolo, VP Editorial Director, and Morgan Hedden, Assistant Editor, acquired world rights from Laura Nolan of Aevitas. The book is tentatively scheduled for publication in the Spring of 2019.

Chef, caterer, and award-winning Broadway and TV actor David Burtka believes that a great party is all about great food and warm hospitality. In his debut book, LIFE IS A PARTY, David will share all of his insider knowledge to help readers create amazing and unforgettable parties and gatherings no matter what the occasion. Each chapter, divided by season, will feature delicious and easy to prepare recipes based on comfort food favorites with a fun and inspired twist – from barbecued ribs and funnel cakes to caviar and chive cream puffs and butter-roasted lobster tails. David will suggest endless ways to mix and match these dishes to suit every entertaining possibility, while offering simple-to-stunning decorating tips, countdown to party techniques, and delegating tactics to make every party a success. LIFE IS A PARTY will be *the* go-to book for entertaining at every level with ease and grace.

Of his book, David Burtka said "I'm thrilled to be able to share my secrets to throwing a fantastic event. With a range of recipes for everyone to enjoy, prepare to discover my best kept cooking secrets and insider tips as I share the key to entertaining for any and every occasion."

Of the acquisition, Karen Murgolo said "We are excited to partner with David on his debut cookbook. He is not only charming, he really knows how to make celebration food impressive, yet easy-to-prepare. Just a glance at David's Instagram will make you want to go to any party he's throwing!"

In addition to being a Cordon Bleu-trained chef and former caterer in Los Angeles, New York, and the Hamptons, David Burtka is an award-winning Broadway and TV actor who has starred in *It Should Have Been You*, *Gypsy* and *The Goat or Who Is Sylvia* on Broadway and recently on *American Horror Story: Freak Show* on FX. In his one man show, *Burtka*, David played a sold-out engagement in November 2014



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at 54 Below. His 2016 Food Network special, *Life's A Party with David Burtka*, won a Telly Award and 1st Prize at the New York Film and TV Awards. David lives in New York City with his husband, Neil Patrick Harris, and their two children, Harper and Gideon.

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