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Catherine (Cat) Neville is an award-winning creator. She has launched a number of food media platforms during her 20-year career and today is the Vice President of Communications for Explore St. Louis, the travel and tourism arm of the region’s CVB. In this role, she acts as liaison between the organization and the media, working to bring recognition and publicity to the region’s tourism sector.

She is also producer and host of Emmy-nominated and M.F.K. Fischer Prize-winning tasteMAKERS, a food-focused television series that debuted on PBS stations nationwide in October 2018. The show explores the maker movement from coast to coast and is distributed through American Public Television.

From April 2021 to February 2022, Cat worked with the team at Hermann Farm as curator, helping them build the 200-acre historic site into a national-level farm museum and gathering place to support and promote the food, farming and beverage industries.

As founder and publisher of Feast Magazine, she launched the magazine in 2010, growing the regional publication’s monthly readership to over 250,000. Feast and Field, a national expansion of Feast Magazine, debuted in March 2021, engaging a broad audience in the evolving conversation about food and drink. She was producer and host of Feast TV, which aired on public television stations across the Midwest for seven seasons. The series won eight regional Emmy Awards between 2013 to 2018.

In 2021, tasteMAKERS was nominated for an Emmy Award in the Outstanding Culinary Series category and was awarded the M.F.K. Fischer Prize. In 2015, Cat was named one of Folio:'s Top Women in Media in the Entrepreneur category. Cat was awarded Lee Enterprises President's Award for Innovation twice and won an Eddie Award in 2014 for feature writing and was also named Media Person of the Year by the Missouri Restaurant Association. She was named one of St. Louis’ 30 Under 30 by the St. Louis Business Journal in 2005. In 2016, Feast was awarded the Navigator Media Award by the Missouri Department of Tourism as well as Media Outlet of the Year by the Kansas City Restaurant Association.

In 1999, Cat co-founded Sauce Magazine. She sold her interest in Bent Mind Creative Group, LLC, Sauce Magazine’s parent company, in February of 2010. Feast and Sauce each received nominations for James Beard journalism awards under her direction.

Cat has served as a judge for the James Beard Foundation’s restaurant and journalism awards and has been a member of the Association of Food Journalists, American Society of Magazine Editors, the National Association of Press Women and Les Dames d’Escoffier.