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THE GOLDEN HARVEST COMES TO THE CHRISTMAS TABLE

THE PENINSULA PARIS AND CHAUMET

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USPA NEWS - For the 2026 Festive Season, The Peninsula Paris and Chaumet bring together Two Worlds united by an Obsession with Craftsmanship, Beauty and Detail. At the Heart of their Collaboration: Wheat, reimagined through the Language of Haute Pâtisserie and High Jewellery.

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Some Collaborations feel less like Encounters than Inevitabilities. The Meeting of "The Peninsula Paris" and "Chaumet" is one of them.

One is a Grande Dame of Parisian Hospitality, where the Art of Receiving is elevated to an Exacting Form of Savoir-Faire. The Other is one of France's Great Jewellery Maisons, its History entwined with Paris, Nature and the Enduring Poetry of Precious Symbols.

- * For the Festive Season, their shared Vocabulary is an Ancient One: the Ear of Wheat.
- * For Christmas 2026, it becomes a Work of Pastry.
- * For Epiphany, it is transformed into Bread, Harvest and Memory.

Together, "L'Épi de Blé" and "Le Pain des Moissons" unfold as Two Chapters of a Single Story — One rooted in the Generosity of the Earth, the Ritual of the Table and the French Art of turning the Familiar into Something Extraordinary.

- "L'Épi de Blé": When High Jewellery Meets Haute Pâtisserie

The Name itself is evocative. L'Épi de Blé conjures the Golden Light of Summer Fields, the Quiet Abundance of Ripened Grain and the Sheaves gathered at the Height of the Harvest. What appears at first to be an Everyday Agricultural Form has, over Centuries, acquired a Richer Symbolism: Prosperity, Fertility and Abundance.

At Chaumet, wheat belongs to an altogether more Precious Vocabulary. The Maison's L'Épi de Blé Universe has translated the Motif into Necklaces, Rings, Earrings, Brooches and Tiaras, rendered in Yellow Gold and Diamonds. Nature becomes Ornament; the Humble Ear of Wheat becomes an Object of Desire.

It is this Transformation — from Field to Jewel — that makes the Collaboration so compelling. Here, the Ear of wheat undergoes yet Another Metamorphosis.

- * It becomes Sculpture.
- * It becomes Architecture.
- * It becomes Dessert.

The Pastry borrows the Visual Grammar of Jewellery: Repetition and Rhythm, Line and Volume, Movement captured in Stillness, Light held within a Surface. What is normally forged in Precious Metal is instead Articulated through the Delicate Language of Pastry. The Result is not simply a Christmas Dessert. It is a Jewel for the Table.

- When a Christmas Dessert Becomes an Object of Desire

At the Great Parisian hotels, the Christmas Log has long transcended its Role as the Final Course of a Festive Meal. It has become a Seasonal Objet d'Art. One admires it before cutting into it. One photographs it. One gathers around it. It becomes Part of the Ritual — and, in some Cases, the most instantly Recognisable Image of Christmas Eve. With L'Épi de Blé, that Idea takes on a Distinctly Haute Couture Sensibility.

The Dialogue with Chaumet invites the Bûche to be considered as an Edible Sculpture: a Composition in which the Precision of Jewellery meets the Sensuality of Pastry.

- * The Gold of the Wheat becomes Colour.

- * The Ear becomes Structure.

- * The Pastry becomes the Edible equivalent of Precious Metal.

And the Festive Table becomes, for a Fleeting Moment, a Jewel Box.

- Chaumet and the Poetry of Nature Made Precious

The Connection between Wheat and Chaumet is more than a Matter of Aesthetics. It speaks to something Fundamental within the Maison's Identity. Founded in Paris in 1780, Chaumet has long drawn Inspiration from Nature, Flora and the Symbolism of the Natural World. Its Jewellery transforms Flowers, Leaves and Botanical Forms into Compositions of Extraordinary Refinement. Among these Motifs, the Ear of Wheat occupies a Particularly Distinctive Place.

For the Festive Season, its Symbolism feels Almost Instinctive.

- * Wheat evokes the Earth.

- * The Harvest evokes Abundance.

- * Gold evokes Sunlight.

- * Jewellery gives Nature permanence.

- * Pastry reverses that Equation.

It takes the Precious and makes it Ephemeral. That Tension is perhaps the Most Poetic element of the Collaboration.

- * A Jewel is created to endure.

- * A Pastry is created to disappear.

- * One is kept.

- * The Other is shared.

Yet Both begin with the Same Impulse: the Desire to give Beauty a Form.

- From Wheat to Bread: The Story Continues at "Epiphany"

Then comes Epiphany, and with it the Second Chapter: "Le Pain des Moissons." If L'Épi de Blé celebrates Wheat in its most Elemental Form, "Le Pain des Moissons" tells the Story of what happens next.

- * Grain becomes Flour.

- * Flour becomes Dough.

- * Dough becomes Bread.

- * And Bread becomes a Gesture of Generosity and Togetherness.

The Symbolism is Simple, but its Resonance is Profound. The Creation extends the Narrative begun at Christmas: from Field to Table, from Soil to Celebration, from Nature to Culture. It is a Story of Transformation — One that has been repeated for Generations, yet remains endlessly capable of Reinvention.

- An Epiphany in Golden Tones

Epiphany has always been a Celebration of Texture and Material. The Crisp Layers of Laminated Pastry. The Richness of Butter. The Almond. The Deep Golden hue achieved at the Precise Moment when Heat, Time and Technique converge. In "Le Pain des Moissons", this Language of the Harvest becomes almost Tactile.

The Harvest is not merely an Image.

- * It represents a Cycle.

- * A Relationship with Time.

- * The Labour of the Land.

- * And the Transformation of Raw Material into something that nourishes and gathers People around a Table.

At a Moment when Haute Pâtisserie increasingly seeks to tell Stories rather than simply create Spectacle, this Approach feels Particularly Resonant. The Traditional Epiphany Creation becomes more than a Seasonal Indulgence. It becomes a Meditation on where Food begins — and on the Rituals that have the Power to bring us Together.

- Two Parisian Houses, One Idea of Luxury

There is also something inherently Parisian about the Meeting of "The Peninsula Paris" and "Chaumet". The Peninsula occupies 19 Avenue Kléber, in the 16th arrondissement, where Contemporary Hospitality unfolds against the Backdrop of Parisian History. Chaumet, meanwhile, remains deeply embedded in the City's High-Jewellery Landscape.

Their Collaboration therefore extends beyond a Shared Visual Language.

- * It reflects a Common Understanding of Luxury: the Luxury of the Gesture.
- * The Pastry Chef's Gesture demands Precision, Patience and Control.
- * So does the Jeweller's.
- * In Both Disciplines, the Smallest Detail can alter the Entire Composition.
- * In Both, the Material dictates its Own Rules.
- * And in Both, True Excellence is often Discreet. It reveals Itself through Proportion, Texture, Finish, Light — and, ultimately, through the Sensation created when the Work is encountered.

- Anne Coruble: A Pastry Language of Her Own

At The Peninsula Paris, this Vision is expressed through the Work of Pastry Chef Anne Coruble, whose Creations have distinguished themselves through an Imaginative Approach to Nature, Heritage and the Rituals of the Festive Table. Her Christmas and Epiphany Creations have been noted for their Poetic Sensibility, while Gault & Millau named her Pastry Chef of the Year 2026.

Her Approach belongs to a Contemporary Form of Pastry in which the Object is never merely Decorative.

- * It has a Narrative.
- * Its Shape carries Meaning.
- * Its Visual Identity extends the Experience of Flavour.

With "L'Épi de Blé" and "Le Pain des Moissons", this Philosophy finds an Especially Natural Expression. The Collaboration places Haute Pâtisserie in Direct Conversation with the Visual Codes and Symbolic Language of High Jewellery. The Result is not an Imitation of Jewellery in Pastry Form. It is something more Subtle: a Translation between Two Crafts.

- When Luxury Becomes Edible

There is Something quintessentially French about this Idea of Luxury.

- * Not Simply the Use of rare Ingredients.
- * Not Spectacle for Spectacle's Sake.
- * But the Ability to take something Deeply Familiar and reveal it Anew.
- * An Ear of Wheat is Universally Recognisable.
- * So is Bread.

Yet in the Hands of a Palace and a Jewellery Maison, Both acquire Another Dimension.

- * The Ordinary becomes Desirable.
- * The Familiar becomes Collectible.
- * The Everyday becomes Art.
- * This is perhaps One of the Most Enduring Signatures of French luxury: the Ability to begin with the Simplest of Forms — a Flower, a Leaf, a Grain, a Loaf — and elevate them through Craftsmanship, Imagination and Restraint.

- The Golden Harvest, Reimagined for the Festive Table

For Christmas 2026 and Epiphany, The Peninsula Paris and Chaumet tell a Story illuminated by Gold.

- * The Light that travels across a Field.
- * The Glow of Wheat at the Height of Summer.
- * The Gleam of Yellow Gold and Diamonds.
- * The Soft Sheen of Pastry, Freshly finished by Hand.

"L'Épi de Blé" and "Le Pain des Moissons" become Two Expressions of the Same Idea: that Beauty can be harvested, shaped and

shared.

* Earth becomes Gold.

* Craft becomes Art.

* Tradition becomes Creation.

* And, for a Brief Moment, the Festive Table becomes its Own Kind of Jewellery Box.

Source:

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* Christmas 2026 — “L'Épi de Blé”

A festive Creation inspired by Wheat, Light and the Dialogue between Haute Pâtisserie and High Jewellery.

* Epiphany 2027 — “Le Pain des Moissons”

A Continuation of the Story through Grain, Bread, Harvest and the Ritual of Sharing.

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