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THE PERFECT HOLIDAY MEAL

FROM A SALMON TARTARE APPETIZER BY MATHIAS BROGIE TO ERIC MILLER'S ROAST TURKEY ENTRÉE AND LAURENT TOURONDEL'S PUMPKIN-BASED DESSERT, HERE ARE SEVEN SUMPTUOUS HOLIDAY DISHES FROM YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL TOQUES.

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> <u>ROAST SUCKLING PIG</u>

JASON WEINER AT ALMOND

"IN 2001, EVEN THOUGH MY EXPERIENCE of Christmas had been mostly takeout Chinese, I realized Christmas Eve was one of our busiest nights of the year. I thought about what would make it special and imagined featuring a suckling pig. Even though I was not well versed in the Christmas traditions, the pig became an Almond tradition to the point that it's now almost a signature dish. I give it an Alsatian twist, with apples, cabbage, and crispy black pepper spaetzle.

"We work with the wonderful Pajama Program (pajama program.org), so 10 percent of the proceeds go to provide PJs and books to children in need, which is a great thing to be able to do for Christmas." 1 Ocean Road, Bridgehampton, 537-5665; almondayc.com