SSP AMERICA WINS NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT® CONTRACT TO BRING CHIEF'S ON BROADWAY AND BURGER REPUBLIC TO CONCOURSE A

New market win brings Downtown Broadway's live music energy and a Nashville-born burger favorite to Nashville International Airport® (BNA®), marking the next chapter of growth

(United States, Nov 17, 2026): SSP America, a division of SSP Group, a leading operator of food and beverage brands in travel locations worldwide, will make its Nashville market debut with Eric Church's Chief's on Broadway and Burger Republic in the new Concourse A at Nashville International Airport® (BNA®). Selected to develop and operate both restaurants, SSP America will bring the spirit of Broadway and the pride of a homegrown favorite to an airport whose expansion is opening new possibilities for how travelers experience Music City and Middle Tennessee.

The new market win comes at a moment of extraordinary momentum for BNA, which welcomed a record 26.7 million passengers in fiscal year 2026. Scheduled to open in July 2028, the new 16-gate Concourse A is part of the airport's New Horizon expansion program. Its development creates an opportunity to make Nashville's food, music, and hospitality part of the journey for a growing audience of travelers.

Working with Fraport Nashville, LLC and the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, SSP America will bring two distinct Nashville experiences to the concourse: a full-service restaurant and bar inspired by Chief's on Broadway, and a fast casual restaurant and bar from Burger Republic, the homegrown brand known for premium burgers, local craft beer, and hand-spun milkshakes.

Karl Ebert, Vice President of Operations for Fraport Nashville, LLC, commented, "We're excited to welcome SSP America and their partners, Chief's on Broadway and Burger Republic, to Concourse A at BNA. At Fraport Nashville, our goal is to create an airport experience that truly reflects the energy, creativity, and hospitality of our city. By introducing these beloved local brands, we're bringing even more of Nashville's unique spirit into the terminal and ensuring travelers from around the world get a genuine taste of Music City. We are really excited to be working with SSP to deliver these concepts. Both Chief's and Burger Republic are incredible local brands, and we are thrilled to ensure that the Nashville Community is reflected in our Airport Community"

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Kyle Phillips, Senior Vice President, Business Development, SSP America, commented, “A city’s reputation for hospitality travels through its airport. As food travel experts, we can make that reputation personal with a memorable meal, a warm welcome, and people who care about getting the details right. That’s how we earn our place as the best part of the journey. We’re proud to join the BNA airport community in one of the country’s most popular destinations, and to work alongside Fraport Nashville and the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority to ensure that, as the airport grows, the welcome remains unmistakably Nashville.”

Chief’s: Broadway Spirit, Ready for Takeoff

Opened in 2023 by country music artist Eric Church alongside real estate and hospitality entrepreneur Ben Weprin, Chief’s on Broadway was created to celebrate Church’s musical legacy and has become a downtown Nashville favorite. Inspired by the original, the airport location will bring live music, Southern-inspired dining, and a full bar featuring Tennessee beers, specialty cocktails, and non-alcoholic options to Concourse A.

The planned menu runs from breakfast through dinner, with favorites such as biscuits and gravy, Nashville hot chicken, and chicken and waffles. Design details inspired by the original Chief’s on Broadway will carry over to the airport, including a dedicated stage, Eric Church tour posters, and tributes to great country music artists. Branded merchandise will let travelers take a little of the experience home.

“People come to Nashville for great music and a good time. Chief’s was built to bring both of those together,” says Heather Otto, General Manager, Chief’s on Broadway. “Greeting travelers when they arrive and sending them off with good memories is just an extension of what we do every day.”

Burger Republic: Nashville Born. Quality Driven.

Founded in Nashville in 2012 by Drew Jackman and Jeff Warne, Burger Republic built its following on a simple promise: “Defend Quality.” At BNA, that commitment will come through in 100% Angus beef burgers, house-made sauces, inventive toppings, and a welcoming atmosphere with plenty of local personality.

Travelers can look forward to signature burgers including The Tennessee, alongside Nashville Hot Tots, Tater Tot Fondue, breakfast dishes, and vegetarian options. Local craft beer, cocktails, hand-spun milkshakes, and the brand’s signature spiked shakes will round out the experience. Warm wood, brick accents, bold red seating, and an open bar will bring Burger Republic's familiar energy to the airport.

Drew Jackman, Burger Republic owner, commented, “As a Nashville-born and based company, we’ve been fortunate to grow alongside this incredible city for the past 15 years, and we’re thrilled to be part of BNA’s continued growth. Partnering with SSP America gives us an exciting opportunity to welcome travelers from around the world to Music City, share a little Nashville hospitality, and introduce even more people to what Burger Republic is all about — **Defend Quality!**”

Together, Chief’s and Burger Republic will help make BNA’s next chapter distinctly Nashville, pairing the reach of a growing international gateway with the character, creativity, and hospitality of the community it serves.

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Our purpose is to be the best part of the journey, and our focus is on making every journey taste better – bringing great food and welcoming hospitality to travelers across the globe. Sustainability is crucial for our long-term success, and we aim to deliver a positive impact for our business while uniting stakeholders to promote a sustainable food travel sector.

About Nashville International Airport®
Nashville International Airport®, also known as BNA®, is one of the fastest-growing airports in the nation and a vital infrastructure asset for Middle Tennessee. As the gateway to Music City and beyond, BNA plays a pivotal role in supporting economic growth and community prosperity. The InterVISTAS Consulting Economic Impact Study reports that in 2024 alone, BNA generated $13.8 billion in total economic impact, supported 80,000 jobs and contributed to $2.1 billion in federal, state and local taxes. The airport receives no local tax dollars. To keep pace with Nashville's rapid expansion and evolving passenger needs, BNA is undergoing a major transformation through its New Horizon expansion program. Learn more at **BNANewHorizon.com** and **flynashville.com**, and stay connected by following BNA on social media: Facebook (**@NashvilleInternationalAirport**), X (**@Fly_Nashville**), Instagram (**@FlyNashville**), YouTube (**@NashvilleInternationalAirport**) and LinkedIn (**in/MNAA**).

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