

THE NATIONAL ARTS CLUB



EXECUTIVE CHEF ASHLEY MERRIMAN

Hired with the intention of modernizing our menu and culinary offerings, Ashley brings nearly two decades of restaurant experience to the NAC. Most recently, she headed the kitchen of the East Village staple Prune, which received two stars from The New York Times and was named one of Eater’s “Essential 38 Restaurants in America.” Prior to her time at Prune, she worked as head chef of The Waverly Inn and as a chef at the popular Butter. In 2009, she appeared as a contestant on the sixth season of Bravo’s Top Chef. Ashley trained at the Institute of Culinary Education and earned her BA from Hamilton College.

Ashley is the Club’s first female chef—and also the first female chef to lead the kitchen of any club in New York City, ever.