



**The  
James  
Beard  
Foundation  
Awards**

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**WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE  
2007 JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION MEDIA AWARDS:  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE NAMED BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD SECTION  
JESSE KATZ, LOS ANGELES, RECEIVES M.F.K. FISHER DISTINGUISHED  
WRITING AWARD**

**New York, NY** (7 May 2007) - Winners in 21 categories were announced last night at the annual James Beard Foundation Media Awards, the highest honors for food and beverage publications and broadcasts. The Media Awards, presented solely by the James Beard Foundation, recognize excellence in food and beverage journalism for articles published in 2006, and for television, webcast, and radio programs that aired in 2006 in the United States and Canada.

Judges for the journalism awards categories include journalism professors from top universities, veteran journalists and editors (not covering the topics of food and beverage), former food and wine writers, and editors. According to Journalism Awards Committee Chair Peggy Katalinich, food director for Family Circle, over 550 submissions were received for consideration. Judges (of which there were more than 30) for the broadcast media awards are producers, educators, editors, and print journalists; Stew Stoltz of NBC served as the Broadcast Media Awards Chair. Independent accounting firm Lutz & Carr handled ballot tabulation. Award winners received a bronze award medallion engraved with the image of the late James Beard, journalist, cookbook author, chef and cooking teacher.

**2007 James Beard Foundation Journalism Award winners are:**

M. F. K. Distinguished Writing Award: Jesse Katz, Los Angeles

Newspaper (Food) Section: *San Francisco Chronicle*

Website Focusing on Food, Beverage, Restaurant, or Nutrition: Leite's Culinaria

Multimedia Writing on Food, Beverage, Restaurants, or Nutrition: Edward Deitch,

MSNBC.com/NBC Mobile

Newspaper Feature Writing About Restaurants and/or Chefs With or Without Recipes:

Barbara Yost, *The Arizona Republic*

Newspaper Feature Writing With Recipes: Janet Fletcher, *San Francisco Chronicle*

Newspaper Feature Writing Without Recipes: Elaine Cicora, *Cleveland Scene*

Newspaper or Magazine Restaurant Review or Critique: Rebekah Denn, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

Newspaper, Newsletter, or Magazine Reporting on Nutrition or Food-Related Consumer

Issues: Colleen Pierce, R.D., *Child*

Newspaper, Newsletter, or Magazine Columns: Dara Moskowitz, *City Pages* (Minneapolis)

Newspaper Writing on Spirits, Wine, or Beer: Eric Felten, *The Wall Street Journal* AND Dara Moskowitz, *City Pages* (Minneapolis)

Magazine Feature Writing About Restaurants and/or Chefs With or Without Recipes: James Villas, *Saveur*

Magazine Feature Writing With Recipes: Colman Andrews, *Saveur*

Magazine Feature Writing Without Recipes: Scott Simon, *Gourmet*

Magazine Writing on Spirits, Wine, or Beer: Fiona Morrison, MW, *Wine & Spirits Magazine*

**2007 James Beard Foundation Broadcast Media Award winners, presented by Viking Range, are:**

Television Food Segment, National or Local: CBS News "Sunday Morning," Host Charles Osgood

Television Food Special: "Food Trip with Todd English," Host Todd English

Television Food Show, Local: "Check, Please!" Bay Area, Host Leslie Sbrocco

Television Food Show, National: "*Gourmet's* Diary of a Foodie," Host Ruth Reichl

Radio Food Show: The Leonard Lopate Show's "Holiday Recipe Swap," Host Leonard Lopate

Webcast: Savoring the Best of World Flavors, Volume One: India, Spain, Mexico and Thailand, Host Bill Briwa

Established in 1990, the James Beard Foundation Awards recognize outstanding achievement within the fine food and beverage industry. The Awards honor professionals including book authors, chefs, restaurateurs, winemakers, journalists, broadcasters, and restaurant and graphic designers in North America. To select the nominees and winners, independent volunteer panels of more than 600 food and beverage professionals from around the country vote on specific Award categories. The accounting firm Lutz & Carr tabulates ballots. Winners' identities remain confidential until the Awards ceremonies. Award winners receive a bronze medallion engraved with the image of the late James Beard, journalist, cookbook author, chef, and cooking teacher.

A full listing of awards nominees, results, and photos can be found on [www.jamesbeard.org](http://www.jamesbeard.org).



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