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## WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2009 JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION MEDIA AWARDS

NEW YORK, NY (May 3, 2009) – The James Beard Foundation, the nation's preeminent recognition program honoring professionals in the food and beverage industries, announced today the winners in the 19 media categories of the 2009 James Beard Foundation Awards. The awards were presented during a ceremony hosted by television host and author **Ted Allen** at the Hudson Theatre in New York City. A full list of winners is included at the end of this release. Highlights include:

- **MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Award:** Aleksandra Crapanzano, *Gourmet*, "Benedictions" 09/08
- **Newspaper Food Section:** *The Washington Post*, Joe Yonan
- **Television Food Show, National or Local:** *Lidia's Italy: Sweet Napoli*, Host: Lidia Matticchio Bastianich
- **Website Focusing on Food, Beverage, Restaurant, or Nutrition:** *Epicurious.com*, Tanya Steel
- **Restaurant Reviews:** Adam Platt, *New York Magazine*, "Faux French"; "The Mario of Midtown"; "Corton on Hudson", 07/14/08, 09/15/08, 11/24/08

Judges for the media awards include journalism professors, veteran journalists and editors (not covering the topics of food and beverage) as well as former food and wine writers and editors. Ballot tabulation was conducted by independent accounting firm Lutz & Carr.

The Restaurant and Chef, Book, and Design and Graphics, and special achievement awards will be announced on **Monday, May 4, 2009** at the **Awards Ceremony and Gala Reception**, the highly-anticipated annual celebration taking place at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center, hosted by **Stanley Tucci, Emeril Lagasse** and **Cat Cora**. Renowned chef **Lidia Matticchio Bastianich** will serve as Gala Chair of the 2009 James Beard Foundation Awards Gala Reception, which will celebrate **"Women in Food."**

Established in 1990, the James Beard Foundation Awards recognize culinary professionals for excellence and achievement in their field and, with each year, continues to emphasize the Foundation's mission: to celebrate, preserve, and nurture America's culinary heritage and diversity. For more information about the James Beard Foundation Awards and the voting process, please visit [www.JBFAwards.com](http://www.JBFAwards.com).

The 2009 James Beard Foundation Awards are presented in association with All-Clad Metalcrafters and American Express® (the official card of the James Beard Foundation); Premier Sponsors: Green & Black's® Organic Chocolate, Lexus, Viking Range Corporation; Supporting Sponsors: Delta Air Lines, illy caffè North America, Inc., Southern Wine & Spirits of New York, Stella Artois; Gala Reception Sponsors: Acqua Panna® Natural Spring Water, Ecolab, Pernod Ricard USA, Rums of Puerto Rico, S.Pellegrino® Sparkling Natural Mineral Water; and with additional support from Chefwear and Pommery Champagne.

### **About the James Beard Foundation**

The James Beard Foundation is dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and nurturing America's culinary heritage and diversity in order to elevate the appreciation of our culinary excellence. A cookbook author and teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge about food, James Beard, who died in 1985, was a champion of American cuisine. He helped educate and mentor generations of professional chefs and food enthusiasts. Today, the Beard Foundation continues in the same spirit by administering a number of diverse programs that include educational initiatives, food industry awards, scholarships to culinary schools, and publications, and by maintaining the historic James Beard House in New York City's Greenwich Village as a performance space for visiting chefs. For more information, please visit [www.jamesbeard.org](http://www.jamesbeard.org).

## **WINNERS**

### **2009 James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards**

For articles published in 2008

#### **MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Award**

**Aleksandra Crapanzano**

*Gourmet*

"Benedictions"

09/08

#### **Multimedia Writing on Food**

**Ruth Reichl**

*Gourmet.com*

"The Test Kitchen"

#### **Website Focusing on Food, Beverage, Restaurant, or Nutrition**

**Epicurious.com**

Tanya Steel

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**Food Related Columns****Corby Kummer***The Atlantic*

"A Papaya Grows in Holyoke"; "Beyond the McIntosh"; "Half a Loaf"

04/08, 05/08, 10/08

**Reporting on Nutrition or Consumer Issues****Rachael Moeller Gorman***EatingWell*

"How to Feed Your Mind"

09/10/08

**Restaurant Reviews****Adam Platt***New York Magazine*

"Faux French"; "The Mario of Midtown"; "Corton on Hudson"

07/14/08, 09/15/08, 11/24/08

**Newspaper Feature Writing With Recipes****Rebekah Denn***Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

"High on the Hairy Hogs: Super-Succulent Imports are Everything U.S. Pork Isn't"

04/09/08

**Newspaper Feature Writing Without Recipes****Kristen Hinman***Riverfront Times*

"The Pope of Pork"

11/27/08

**Writing on Spirits, Wine, or Beer****Alan Richman***GQ*

"Viva La Revolucion!"

09/08

**Magazine Feature Writing About Restaurants and/or Chefs****Ruth Reichl***Gourmet*

"The Last Time I Saw Paris..."

09/08

**Magazine Feature Writing With Recipes****Edna Lewis***Gourmet*

"What is Southern?" \*

01/08

\*Published Posthumously

**Magazine Feature Writing Without Recipes****Alan Richman***GQ*

"Made (Better) in Japan"

03/08

**Newspaper Feature Writing About Restaurants and/or Chefs**

**Katy McLaughlin**

*The Wall Street Journal*

"Sushi Bullies"

10/24/08

**Newspaper Food Section**

***The Washington Post***

Joe Yonan

**Blog Focusing on Food, Beverage, Restaurant, or Nutrition**

**Erika Ehmsen, Elizabeth Jardina, Rick LaFrentz, Amy Machnak, Johanna Silver, Margaret Sloan,**

**Margo True**

*Our One-Block Diet*

Oneblockdiet.sunset.com

**WINNERS**

**2009 James Beard Foundation Broadcast Media Awards**

**Presented by Viking Range Corporation**

For television, webcast, and radio programs aired in 2008

**Audio Webcast or Radio Show**

**WNYC, The Leonard Lopate Show:**

**3-Ingredient Challenge**

Hosts: Leonard Lopate, Rozanne Gold

Area: New York City Metro, Online

Producer: Sarah English

**Video Webcast**

**Savoring the Best of World Flavors, Volume III: Vietnam and the Island of Sicily**

Host: Jonathan Coleman

Website: Ciaprochef.com/WCA3/

Producers: John Barkley, Kenneth Wilmoth, Greg Drescher, Steve Jilleba, Janet Fletcher

**Television Food Show, National or Local**

**Lidia's Italy: Sweet Napoli**

Host: Lidia Matticchio Bastianich

Network: PBS

Air Date: 04/08/08

Producers: Lidia Matticchio Bastianich,

Julia Harrison, Shelly Burgess Nicotra

**Television Food Segment, National or Local**

**CBS News Sunday Morning: In a Pinch**

Host: Martha Teichner

Network: CBS

Air Date: 10/26/08

Producers: Jon Carras, David Small