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Media Awards Presentation

Hosted by

James Beard Award Winner
Pati Jinich
Chef, Author, and Host of La Frontera with Pati Jinich and Pati’s Mexican Table

Welcome Remarks

Clare Reichenbach
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Book Awards

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**Presenter:**

**JAMILA ROBINSON**  
Chair, Journalism Awards Committee

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Media Awards Reception to immediately follow the ceremony. See page 55 for the featured chefs.
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Cookbooks and other non-fiction food or beverage-related books published in the United States in 2022 were eligible to enter the 2023 James Beard Book Awards.

Baking and Desserts
Books with recipes focused on the art and craft of baking pastries and desserts, both sweet and savory items, including ingredients, techniques, equipment, and traditions.

*New European Baking: 99 Recipes for Breads, Brioches and Pastries*
Laurel Kratochvila
(Prestel)

*Tava: Eastern European Baking and Desserts from Romania & Beyond*
Irina Georgescu
(Hardie Grant Books)

*What’s for Dessert: Simple Recipes for Dessert People: A Baking Book*
Claire Saffitz
(Clarkson Potter)
Beverage with Recipes
Books with recipes focused on beverages, such as cocktails, beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, or juices.

*The Bartender’s Manifesto: How to Think, Drink, and Create Cocktails Like a Pro*
Toby Maloney and Emma Janzen
(Clarkson Potter)

*Cure: New Orleans Drinks and How to Mix ’Em from the Award-Winning Bar*
Neal Bodenheimer and Emily Timberlake
(Abrams Books)

*Wild Brews: The Craft of Home Brewing, from Sour and Fruit Beers to Farmhouse Ales*
Jaega Wise
(Kyle Books)

Beverage without Recipes
Books without recipes that focus on beverages, such as cocktails, beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, or juices; or books that cover these subject areas where recipes are not the focus of cooking.

*Drinking with the Valkyries: Writings on Wine*
Andrew Jefford
(Académie du Vin Library)

*Exploring the World of Japanese Craft Sake: Rice, Water, Earth*
Nancy Matsumoto and Michael Tremblay
(Tuttle Publishing)
To Fall in Love, Drink This: A Wine Writer’s Memoir
Alice Feiring
(Scribner)

**Bread**

Books with recipes focused on the art and craft of making bread, including ingredients, techniques, equipment, and traditions.

*Breadsong: How Baking Changed Our Lives*
Kitty Tait and Al Tait
(Bloomsbury Publishing)

*The Miller’s Daughter: Unusual Flours & Heritage Grains: Stories and Recipes from Hayden Flour Mills*
Emma Zimmerman
(Hardie Grant Books)

Maurizio Leo
(Clarkson Potter)

**Food Issues and Advocacy**

Books that include investigative journalism, food policy, deep dives, and critical analysis of the changing social landscape.

*Eating While Black: Food Shaming and Race in America*
Psyche A. Williams-Forson
(University of North Carolina Press)
Gastronativism: Food, Identity, Politics
Fabio Parasecoli
(Columbia University Press)

Retail Inequality: Reframing the Food Desert Debate
Kenneth H. Kolb
(University of California Press)

**General**

Books with recipes that address a broad scope of cooking, not just a single topic, technique, or region.

*The Cook You Want to Be: Everyday Recipes to Impress*
Andy Baraghani
(Lorena Jones Books)

*I Dream of Dinner (so you don’t have to): Low-Effort, High-Reward Recipes: A Cookbook*
Ali Slagle
(Clarkson Potter)

*Sunday Best: Cooking Up the Weekend*
*Spirit Every Day: A Cookbook*
Adrienne Cheatham with Sarah Zorn
(Clarkson Potter)
International

Books with recipes focused on food or cooking traditions of countries, regions, or communities outside of the United States.

*Masala: Recipes from India, the Land of Spices*
Anita Jaisinghani
(Ten Speed Press)

*Mezcla: Recipes to Excite*
Ixta Belfrage
(Ten Speed Press)

*Mi Cocina: Recipes and Rapture from My Kitchen in Mexico: A Cookbook*
Rick Martínez
(Clarkson Potter)

Literary Writing

Narrative nonfiction books, including memoirs, culinary tourism, investigative journalism, food advocacy, and critical analysis of food and foodways for a general audience. Includes memoir, biography, personal essays, culinary travel, and culture.

*California Soul: An American Epic of Cooking and Survival*
Keith Corbin with Kevin Alexander
(Random House)
Savor: A Chef’s Hunger for More
Fatima Ali with Tarajia Morrell
(Ballantine Books)

To Boldly Grow: Finding Joy, Adventure, and Dinner in Your Own Backyard
Tamar Haspel
(G.P. Putnam’s Sons)

Reference, History, and Scholarship
Includes manuals, guides, encyclopedias, and books that present research related to food or foodways.

A Place at the Nayarit: How a Mexican Restaurant Nourished a Community
Natalia Molina
(University of California Press)

Slaves for Peanuts: A Story of Conquest, Liberation, and a Crop That Changed History
Jori Lewis
(The New Press)

What a Mushroom Lives For: Matsutake and the Worlds They Make
Michael J. Hathaway
(Princeton University Press)
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Restaurant and Professional

Books written by a culinary professional or restaurant chef with recipes that may include advanced cooking techniques, or the use of specialty ingredients and professional equipment, including culinary arts textbooks.

Bludso’s BBQ Cookbook:  
* A Family Affair in Smoke and Soul  
Kevin Bludso with Noah Galuten  
(Ten Speed Press)

Please Wait To Be Tasted:  
* The Lil’ Deb’s Oasis Cookbook  
Carla Perez-Gallardo, Hannah Black, and Wheeler with Meshell Ndegeocello  
(Princeton Architectural Press)

Turkey and the Wolf: Flavor Trippin’ in New Orleans  
Mason Hereford and JJ Goode  
(Ten Speed Press)

Single Subject

Books with recipes focused on a single ingredient, dish, or method of cooking. Examples include seafood, grains, pasta, burgers, or canning.

Masa: Techniques, Recipes, and Reflections on a Timeless Staple  
Jorge Gaviria  
(Chronicle Books)
The Miracle of Salt: Recipes and Techniques to Preserve, Ferment, and Transform Your Food
Naomi Duguid
(Artisan Books)

The Wok: Recipes and Techniques
J. Kenji López-Alt
(W. W. Norton & Company)

U.S. Foodways

Books with recipes focused on the cooking or foodways of regions or communities in the United States.

Gullah Geechee Home Cooking: Recipes from the Matriarch of Edisto Island
Emily Meggett with Kayla Stewart and Trelani Michelle
(Abrams Books)

I Am From Here: Stories and Recipes from a Southern Chef
Vishwesh Bhatt
(W. W. Norton & Company)

The Woks of Life: Recipes to Know and Love from a Chinese American Family: A Cookbook
Bill Leung, Kaitlin Leung, Judy Leung, and Sarah Leung
(Clarkson Potter)
Vegetable-Focused Cooking

Books on vegetable cookery with recipes that are meatless, vegetarian, or vegan.

*Plant-Based India: Nourishing Recipes Rooted in Tradition*  
Dr. Sheil Shukla  
(The Experiment)

*In Praise of Veg: The Ultimate Cookbook for Vegetable Lovers*  
Alice Zaslavsky  
(Appetite by Random House)

*The Vegan Chinese Kitchen: Recipes and Modern Stories from a Thousand-Year-Old Tradition: A Cookbook*  
Hannah Che  
(Clarkson Potter)

Visuals

Books on food or beverage with exceptional graphic design, art, or photography.

*Chinese-ish: Home Cooking Not Quite Authentic, 100% Delicious*  
Joanna Hu and Armelle Habib  
(Interlink Books)

*Homage: Recipes and Stories from an Amish Soul Food Kitchen*  
Brittany Conerly  
(Chronicle Books)
The Sofrito Manifesto
Bernardo Medina, Rafael Montalvo, and Ángelo Álvarez
(Self-Published)

Cookbook Hall of Fame

The Book Committee selects the honoree for this category. This award recognizes books that have significantly influenced the way we think about food and honored authors who possess an exceptional ability to communicate their gastronomic vision via the printed page.
Sharing my heartfelt congratulations to our nominees and winners. Tonight, we salute your tremendous talent, energy and creativity. Bravo!

NANCY LUKITSH

Chair, The James Beard Foundation
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The Broadcast Media Awards are open to all works in English from digital and terrestrial media—radio, television broadcasts, podcasts, documentaries, online sites, social media—covering food and beverage topics and appearing widely for the first time in the United States in 2022.

**Documentary / Docuseries Visual Media**

This award recognizes excellence in a food-related documentary production, whether broadcast, streamed, accessed online or through an app, or has been shown at a North American film festival.

*Coldwater Kitchen*
Airs on: Various film festivals

*James Hemings: Ghost in America’s Kitchen*
Airs on: Various streaming platforms

*Love, Charlie: The Rise and Fall of Chef Charlie Trotter*
Airs on: Apple TV and Amazon Prime
Instructional Visual Media

This award recognizes excellence in a food-related video production with instruction as its primary intent, whether broadcast, streamed, accessed online, or through an app.

*Big Sky Kitchen With Eduardo Garcia*
Airs on: Magnolia Network and Discovery+

*Techniquely with Lan Lam*
Airs on: YouTube

*What’s Eating Dan?*
Airs on: YouTube

Reality or Competition Visual Media

This award recognizes excellence in a food-related video production with realism or competition as its primary intent, whether broadcast, streamed, accessed online, or through an app.

*Restaurant Takeover ft. Matta*
Airs on: YouTube

*Top Chef*
Airs on: Bravo

*We Put 11 Cameras In NYC’s Busiest Brunch Restaurant | Bon Appétit*
Airs on: YouTube
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Visual Media—Short Form
This award recognizes excellence in a food-related video production whether broadcast, streamed, accessed online or through an app, up to 30 minutes in length.

*CBS Sunday Morning*
“Black, White, and The Grey”; “How Erin French found herself at The Lost Kitchen”
Airs on: CBS

*Eater’s The Experts*
“How One of Philly’s Best Pizza Spots Creates Jobs for the Formerly Incarcerated”
Airs on: YouTube

*Matter of Fact with Soledad O’Brien*
Airs on: Syndicated

Visual Media—Long Form
This award recognizes excellence in a food-related video production whether broadcast, streamed, accessed online, or through an app.

*Mafia Land*
Airs on: Vice TV and YouTube

*Somebody Feed Phil*
Airs on: Netflix

*The Whole Animal*
Airs on: SOMM TV
Commercial Media

This award recognizes excellence in food-related media including video production, audio programming, or other media, clearly developed and marketed with prominent visual branding, is commercially funded, or contains paid advertising. It may be broadcast, streamed, accessed online or through an app.

Jaylee Adams, Lindsey Hagen, and Martha Stoumen
*California Natural by Martha Stoumen Wines*
Airs on: Vimeo

Hallie Davison, Jorge Gaviria, and Daniel Klein
*Masienda Presents*
Airs on: YouTube

Hallie Davison, Daniel Klein, and Yazmín Ramírez
*Las Chicatanas: The Oaxacan Ant Delicacy That Is Harvested Just Once a Year*
Airs on: YouTube
Social Media Account

This award recognizes excellence in a single food-related post, or compilation of up to three posts, that clearly represents the intention of the Facebook page, Twitter account, TikTok account, Instagram feed, or other social media format.

Erwan Heussaff
Erwan
Airs on: Instagram

Andrew Huang, Ewa Huang, and Jeromy Ko
Nom Life
Airs on: Instagram and TikTok

Kalamata’s Kitchen Staff
Kalamatas Kitchen—Of Course It’s Kid Friendly
Airs on: Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, TikTok

Audio Programming

This award recognizes excellence in a food-related radio or podcast program.

Copper & Heat
“Abalone: The Cost of Consumption”
Airs on: Various podcast platforms

Dish City
“The complicated legacy of Asian-owned carryouts in D.C.’s Black neighborhoods”
Airs on: WAMU and various podcast platforms
Good Food
“‘Maíz is life’ — the history, science, and politics of masa”
Airs on: KCRW and various podcast platforms

Audio Reporting
This award recognizes excellence in reporting about food and/or food issues in radio or podcasts. This work is issue or deadline-driven, investigative, topical, or timely in nature.

Jane Black and Elizabeth Dunn
Pressure Cooker
“The Twisted History of School Lunch in America”
Airs on: Various podcast platforms

Tyler Boudreaux
“The Blacker the Cherry: The abolitionist history of the Black Republican Cherry”
Airs on: KCRW

Lisa Morehouse
California Foodways
“We Just Have Faith: Gold Country Jewish Community Strives to Connect Through COVID”;
“Ojai’s Famous Pixie Tangerine Struggles to Survive Wildfires and a Hot Real Estate Market”;
“Cafeteria Cook Brings Gourmet Dishes Inspired by Palauan Childhood to Lassen Community College”
Airs on: KQED and various podcast platforms
JOURNALISM AWARD NOMINEES

The Journalism Awards recognize work covering food- or drink-related topics published—or self-published—in 2022.

Beverage

Recognizes distinctive style, thorough knowledge, plainspoken prose, and innovative approach in a single article on alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages.

“Lost in Translation — How Flavor Wheels and Tasting Tools Can Evolve to Speak with Global Beer Drinkers”
Mark Dredge
Good Beer Hunting

“The Great Mezcal Heist”
Emma Janzen
Eater

“Who’s Allowed to Make Sotol?”
B.E. Mintz
Texas Monthly
THERE’S NOTHING LIKE A GUINNESS
Columns and Newsletters
Recognizes the work of an individual or team/group that demonstrates thought-provoking opinion and a compelling style on food- or drink-related topics.

“The Case for the Supermarket Supershopper”; “A Maximalist New Wave for Instant Noodles”; “We All Scream for Asian American Ice Cream”
Cathy Erway
*TASTE*

“Tetelas Are the Tasty Triangles You Need to Try Right Now”; “Birria Is the Greatest Threat to Taco Culture—and Its Savior”; “Trompo Tacos Are So Much More Than Tacos al Pastor”
José R. Ralat
*Texas Monthly*

“Taking down a mammy complex”; “Decoding the Guild Guide”; “Seducing truckers with ‘nanner pudding”
Hanna Raskin
*The Food Section*
**Dining and Travel**

Recognizes exemplary and comprehensive service journalism that relies on both critical voice and thorough research to bring a variety of dining options into perspective, whether in a single city, a region, or a country.

“Feasting on the NOLA Suburbs”
Brett Martin
*Garden & Gun*

“The I-95 exit-by-exit eating guide”; “Don’t leave home without your I-95 eating guide”
Hanna Raskin
*The Food Section*

“Best New Restaurants”
Elazar Sontag
*Bon Appétit*

**Feature Reporting**

Recognizes excellence for engaging writing and in-depth reporting in food and/or drink features.

“Trouble Brewing”
Charles Bethea
*The New Yorker*

“The Last Oyster Tongers of Apalachicola”
David Hanson
*The Bitter Southerner*
“Blood Sweat & Tears”
Shane Mitchell
_The Bitter Southerner_

Foodways
Recognizes the importance of culture and history in food journalism. Entries in this category explore the connection between what we eat and who we are, with an emphasis on reporting.

“Kimchi With a Side of Whale”
Jennifer Fergesen
_Eater_

“The Elusive Roots of Rosin Potatoes”
Caroline Hatchett
_The Bitter Southerner_

“Come Hell or High Water — Oysters, Brewing, and How the Come Yahs & Bin Yahs Could End Sea Level Rise in Charleston”
Jamaal Lemon
_Good Beer Hunting_
Jonathan Gold Local Voice Award

Recognizes the work of an individual who engages readers through enterprising food and dining coverage, and whose work displays versatility in form, such as reviews, profiles, cooking, quick hits, and hard news reporting.

“The Doughnut Kids Are All Right”; “The Subtle Brilliance of Pijja Palace, Silver Lake’s Indian Sports Bar”; “A Soul-Crushing Work of Staggering Genius”

Cathy Chaplin

Eater

“When I Feel Unmoored by Life, I Always Find My Way Back to Either/Or”; “At Mira’s East African Cuisine, One Family’s Iftar Traditions Take the Forefront”; “Why Isn’t There an Overdose Kit Stocked Behind Every Bar in Portland?”

Brooke Jackson-Glidden

Eater

“How Black-owned vegan restaurants in West End prefigured Atlanta’s passion for plants”; “The Luxury Car Wash: Dog Spa, Hookah and Even Lamb Chops While You Wait”; “Eby Marshall Slack, an original staffer at Atlanta’s iconic Paschal’s restaurant, on building community”

Mike Jordan

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Health and Wellness

Recognizes excellence in food and/or drink-related health and wellness coverage. Entries explore a variety of topics that may include (but are not limited to) addiction, aging, chronic disease, diet, mental health, mind-body connection, nutrition, and reproductive health.

“How the Supreme Court Decision Exacerbated the Dire State of Bar Industry Healthcare” Betsy Andrews
SevenFifty Daily

“Coffee vs. tea smackdown”; “What are ultra-processed foods? What should I eat instead?”; “The best foods to feed your gut microbiome” Anahad O’Connor
The Washington Post

“When ‘Sir’ and ‘Ma’am’ Miss the Mark: Restaurants Rethink Gender’s Role in Service”
Rax Will
The New York Times
Home Cooking

Recognizes excellence in service journalism with a practical focus for the home cook. The award honors imaginative and substantive entries that use fresh, innovative approaches—both written and visual—to illuminate cooking methods, ingredients, and recipes.

“Chinese Scrambled Eggs With Tomato”
Jenny Dorsey
*Serious Eats*

“How to Hot Pot: the Method (and the Madness) Behind Our Favorite Communal Meal”
Elyse Inamine
*Bon Appétit*

“How One New York City Restaurant Fought To Survive”
Crista Chapman, Gray Beltran, and Gary He
*The New York Times*

Innovative Storytelling

Recognizes excellence in food- and/or drink-related content that emphasizes photography, virtual reality, interactive design, or other forms of visual enhancement to tell a story.

“Innovative Storytelling”
Crista Chapman, Gray Beltran, and Gary He
*The New York Times*
“Uneven Ground: Exceptional Black farmers and their fight to flourish in the South”
The Tennessean Staff
*The Tennessean*

“Night Market”
Thrillist Staff
*Thrillist*

**Food Coverage in a General Interest Publication**
Recognizes excellence in food and/or drink writing, reporting, and presentation that demonstrates breadth and depth of coverage in a general interest site or print publication.

*The Bitter Southerner*
*Oxford American*
*San Francisco Chronicle*

**Craig Claiborne Distinguished Restaurant Review Award**
Recognizes discerning criticism that contributes to the larger discourse on cuisine or restaurants.

“Poncho’s Tlayudas, a window to Oaxaca, serves one of L.A.’s defining dishes”; “At Chinatown’s Pearl River Deli, the menu is always changing — and worth chasing”; “Anajak Thai is our 2022 Restaurant of the Year”
Bill Addison
*Los Angeles Times*
Karen Brooks
Portland Monthly

“The most exciting new restaurant pop-up in Oakland is also its best-kept secret”; “After 33 years, an Indian food icon in Berkeley is better than ever”; “Stars like DJ Khaled and Steve Aoki have Bay Area restaurants now. They’re all uniquely terrible”
Soleil Ho
San Francisco Chronicle

Investigative Reporting
Recognizes excellence in investigative reporting on environmental, political, business, or policy issues regarding food and/or drink.

“The fight to keep little-known bacteria out of powdered baby formula”; “Formula shortage adds to financial crunch for farmworker families”; “Whistleblower report on baby formula didn’t reach top FDA food safety official”
Jacob Bogage, Kimberly Kindy, and Laura Reiley
The Washington Post
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Christina Cooke, Alice Driver, and Gosia Wozniacka
Civil Eats

“Chef’s Fable”; “Can This Farm Fix Agriculture If It Can’t Fix Itself?”; “Feed the Rich, Save the Planet?”
Meghan McCarron
Eater

Personal Essay with Recipes
Recognizes excellence in an essay on any food and/or drink-related topic with recipes.

“Coming to America: How One Family Preserved Their Culinary Traditions After Moving to the Midwest in the 1960s”
Lan Samantha Chang
Food & Wine

“In My 40th Year, I Finally Made Pita Bread”
Layla Khoury-Hanold
Food52

“Dog S#!t Dacquoise”
Diep Tran
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Personal Essay without Recipes

Recognizes excellence in an essay on any food and/or drink-related topic without recipes.

“Slave Food and Other Insults”
Dr. Cynthia R. Greenlee
*Oxford American*

“How These Chinese Doughnuts Helped Save My Refugee Family”
Jean Trinh
*Los Angeles Times*

MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Award

Recognizes a single article of exceptional literary merit on the subject of food and/or drink published in any medium.

“How These Chinese Doughnuts Helped Save My Refugee Family”
Jean Trinh
*Los Angeles Times*
“Blood Sweat & Tears”
Shane Mitchell
_The Bitter Southerner_

**Profile**

Recognizes a single distinctive piece that brings to life the world of a chef, restaurateur, grower, producer, or other figure or group of significance to food and/or drink.

“Being Paula Camp”
Monica Eng
_Chicago_

“The Tribe to Table”
Carolyn Kormann
_The New Yorker_

“The Sweetest Harvest”
Kayla Stewart
_Food & Wine_

A full list of Media Award nominees can be found [here](#).
FEATURED CHEFS

Immediately following the awards presentation at Columbia College.

Thai Dang
HaiSous, Chicago

Diana Dávila
Mi Tocaya Antojería, Chicago

Joe Flamm
Rose Mary, Chicago

Carlos Gaytán
Tzuco, Chicago

Genie Kwon and Tim Flores
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Dominique Leach
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Luella’s, Chicago

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1:00 P.M. Seated Luncheon and Awards Presentation

PRESENTATION OF LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Hosted by
James Beard Award Winner
DR. JESSICA B. HARRIS
Professor Emeritus, Queens College, CUNY and Author of High on the Hog: A Culinary Journey from Africa to America, inspiration for the Netflix Original Series

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The Burgerville Workers Union

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Sierra Seeds

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SEAN SHERMAN
Chef and Owner, Owamni by the Sioux Chef

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Valerie Horn
CANE Kitchen, Cowan Community Center, and
City of Whitesburg Farmers Market

*Presenter:*
LORA SMITH
Director of Investment Partnerships,
Justice Funders
Parade of Chefs

Presenter:
LYNN OSMOND
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Virtue Restaurant, Chicago

C.J. Jacobson
Aba Chicago, Austin; and Ēma, Chicago

Eric Santoyo
Aba and The Dalcy, Chicago

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RESTAURANT AND CHEF AWARDS

Monday, June 5, 2023

Lyric Opera of Chicago
20 N Upper Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606

4:00 P.M. Red Carpet
6:00 P.M. Awards Presentation

Post-Awards celebration at Union Station immediately following the ceremony. Entry is included with every Restaurant and Chef ceremony ticket. More details can be found below.

RESTAURANT AND CHEF AWARDS PRESENTATION

Hosted by
ERIC ADJEPONG
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Chef and Author
Chair, Awards Committee and
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Emerging Chef
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Presenters:
GAIL SIMMONS
and ANNA MANDELBAUM
Gastronomy Partnerships Manager,
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Outstanding Pastry Chef or Baker

Outstanding Bakery
Presented by Guinness

Presenter:
CARLA HALL
Remarks

LYNN OSMOND
President and CEO, Choose Chicago

Outstanding Wine and Other Beverages Program

Outstanding Bar
Presented by Hilton
Presenter:
TAHIIRAH HABIBI

Remarks

KRIS MOON
President and Chief Operating Officer, James Beard Foundation

Lifetime Achievement Award

Regional Best Chef Awards
Presented by Capital One

Best Chef: Midwest
Best Chef: Mountain
Presenter:
ERIC ADJEPONG

Best Chef: South
Best Chef: Northeast
Presenter: Monti Carlo

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THE SCANNELL FAMILY
Leadership Awards

Presenter:

DR. JESSICA B. HARRIS

Remarks

DAWN PADMORE
Vice President of Awards,
James Beard Foundation

Best Chef: Southwest
Best Chef: Southeast

Presenter:

TANYA HOLLAND

Best Chef: Mid-Atlantic
Best Chef: New York State

Presenter:

ESTHER CHOI

Best Chef: California
Best Chef: Northwest and Pacific

Presenter:

PATI JINICH

America’s Classics

Best Chef: Texas
Best Chef: Great Lakes

Presenters:

SARAH GRUENEBERG and
ERICK WILLIAMS
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Best New Restaurant
*Presented by BentoBox*

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SEAN SHERMAN

Outstanding Restaurateur

*Presenter:*
CHRIS BIANCO

Outstanding Restaurant
*Presented by Acqua Panna® Natural Spring Water*

*Presenters:*
ANDREW ZIMMERN and
SARA MAYER
Sr. Marketing Manager,
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Outstanding Chef

Presenters:
MASHAMA BAILEY
and PAUL KAHAN

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More information below.
RESTAURANT AND CHEF NOMINEES

Emerging Chef

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Damarr Brown  
Virtue, Chicago, IL

Rashida Holmes  
Bridgetown Roti, Los Angeles, CA

Serigne Mbaye  
Dakar NOLA, New Orleans, LA

Charlie Mitchell  
Clover Hill, Brooklyn, NY

Amanda Shulman  
Her Place Supper Club, Philadelphia, PA

Outstanding Pastry Chef or Baker

Veronika Gerasimova  
Veronika’s Pastry Shop, Billings, MT

Elaine Uykimpang Bentz  
Café Mochiko, Cincinnati, OH

Vince Bugtong  
ABACÁ, San Francisco, CA
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Margarita Manzke
République, Los Angeles, CA

Shawn McKenzie
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Angelo Brocato Ice Cream & Confectionery
New Orleans, LA

La Casita Bakeshop
Richardson, TX

Kuluntu Bakery
Dallas, TX

Yoli Tortilleria
Kansas City, MO

Zak the Baker
Miami, FL

Outstanding Wine and Other Beverages Program

COTE
New York, NY

Lazy Bear
San Francisco, CA

Nancy’s Hustle
Houston, TX
OTOTO
Los Angeles, CA

Spencer
Ann Arbor, MI

Outstanding Bar

Presented by Hilton

Bar Leather Apron
Honolulu, HI

Drastic Measures
Shawnee, KS

Garagiste Wine Room | Merchant
Las Vegas, NV

Las Ramblas
Brownsville, TX

Rob Roy,
Seattle, WA

Lifetime Achievement Award

The 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award honoree is legendary cookbook author, writer, teacher, and actress Madhur Jaffrey CBE.
Regional Best Chefs

Presented by Capital One

Best Chef: Midwest

Sanaa Abourezk
Sanaa’s Gourmet Mediterranean, Sioux Falls, SD

Gregory León
Amilinda, Milwaukee, WI

Francesco Mangano
Osteria Papavero, Madison, WI

Itaru Nagano and Andrew Kroeger
Fairchild, Madison, WI

David Utterback
Yoshitomo, Omaha, NE

Best Chef: Mountain

Salvador Alamilla
Amano, Caldwell, ID

Michael Diaz de Leon
BRUTÓ, Denver, CO

Suchada Johnson
Teton Thai, Teton Village, WY

Kris Komori
KIN, Boise, ID

Ali Sabbah
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Best Chef: South

Ana Castro
Lengua Madre, New Orleans, LA

Timothy Hontzas
Johnny’s Restaurant, Homewood, AL

Henry Moso
Kabooki Sushi, Orlando, FL

Alex Perry and Kumi Omori
Vestige, Ocean Springs, MS

Natalia Vallejo
Cocina al Fondo, San Juan, PR

Best Chef: Northeast

Valentine Howell
Krasi, Boston, MA

Christian Hunter
Community Table, New Preston, CT

Sherry Pocknett
Sly Fox Den Too, Charlestown, RI

Yisha Siu
Yunnan Kitchen, Boston, MA

Renee Toupence
The Port of Call, Mystic, CT
Leadership Awards

Jim Embry
Sustainable Communities Network, Slow Food USA, and Ujamaa Cooperative Farming Alliance

Valerie Horn
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Best Chef: Southwest

Oscar Amador
Anima by EDO, Las Vegas, NV

Kaoru Azeuchi
KAISEKI YUZU, Las Vegas, NV

Andrew Black
Grey Sweater, Oklahoma City, OK

Jeff Chanchaleune
Ma Der Lao Kitchen, Oklahoma City, OK
Justin Pioche
Pioche Food Group, Upper Fruitland (Doolkai), Navajo Nation, NM

Best Chef: Southeast

Sam Fore
Tuk Tuk Sri Lankan Bites, Lexington, KY

Josh Habiger
Bastion, Nashville, TN

Sam Hart
Counter-, Charlotte, NC

Terry Koval
The Deer and the Dove, Decatur, GA

Paul Smith
1010 Bridge, Charleston, WV

Best Chef: Mid-Atlantic

Jesse Ito
Royal Sushi, Philadelphia, PA

Dionicio Jiménez
Cantina La Martina, Philadelphia, PA

Kate Lasky and Tomasz Skowronski
Apteka, Pittsburgh, PA

Michael Rafidi
Albi, Washington, D.C.

Chutatip “Nok” Suntaranon
Kalaya, Philadelphia, PA
Best Chef: New York State

Nasim Alikhani
Sofreh, Brooklyn, NY

Mary Attea
The Musket Room, New York, NY

Amanda Cohen
Dirt Candy, New York, NY

Shaina Loew-Banayan
Cafe Mutton, Hudson, NY

Junghyun Park
Atomix, New York, NY

Best Chef: California

Gilberto Cetina Jr.
Holbox, Los Angeles, CA

Kyle and Katina Connaughton
SingleThread, Healdsburg, CA

Brandon Hayato Go
Hayato, Los Angeles, CA

Justin Pichetrungsi
Anajak Thai, Sherman Oaks, CA

Carlos Salgado
Taco María, Costa Mesa, CA
RESTAURANT AND CHEF AWARDS

Best Chef: Northwest and Pacific

Joshua Dorcak
MÄS, Ashland, OR

Vince Nguyen
Berlu, Portland, OR

Thomas Pisha-Duffy
Gado Gado, Portland, OR

Beau Schooler
In Bocca Al Lupo, Juneau, AK

Aaron Verzosa
Archipelago, Seattle, WA
America’s Classics: Texas
Joe’s Bakery & Coffee Shop
Austin, TX
Owner: Paula Avila

America’s Classics: South
La Casita Blanca
Villa Palmeras
San Juan, PR
Owners: Jesús Pérez Ruiz, Mildred De León, Leonardo Pérez De León, Jesús Pérez De León

America’s Classics: Pacific and Northwest
Manago Hotel
Captain Cook, HI
Owners: Britney and Taryn Manago

America’s Classics: Northeast
Nezinscot Farm
Turner, ME
Owner: Gloria and Gregg Varney

America’s Classics: Mountain
Pekin Noodle Parlor
Butte, MT
Owner: Jerry Tam
America’s Classics: Great Lakes

Wagner’s Village Inn
Oldenburg, IN
Owner: Dan Saccomando

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Best Chef: Texas

Reyna Duong
Sandwich Hag
Dallas, TX

Benchawan Jabthong Painter
Street to Kitchen
Houston, TX

Emiliano Marentes
ELEMI
El Paso, TX

John Russ
Clementine
San Antonio, TX

Ernest Servantes and David Kirkland
Burnt Bean Co.
Seguin, TX
Best Chef: Great Lakes

Omar Anani
Saffron De Twah
Detroit, MI

Diana Dávila
Mi Tocaya Antojería
Chicago, IL

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Pullman, WA

Bottega
Birmingham, AL

Lula Drake
Columbia, SC

The Quarry
Monson, ME

Sepia
Chicago, IL

Best New Restaurant

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Causa
Washington, D.C.

Dept of Culture
New York, NY

Don Artemio Mexican Heritage
Fort Worth, TX

Kann
Portland, OR

Lupi & Iris
Milwaukee, WI
Neng Jr.’s
Asheville, NC

Nolia
Cincinnati, OH

Obélix
Chicago, IL

Restaurant Beatrice
Dallas, TX

Tatemó
Houston, TX

Outstanding Restaurateur

Brandon Chrostowski
EDWINS Leadership and Restaurant Institute
(EDWINS Leadership and Restaurant Institute, edwins too, EDWINS Bakery, and others)
Cleveland, OH

Greg Dulan
Dulan’s Soul Food Kitchen,
Dulan’s on Crenshaw, and Dulanville
Los Angeles, CA

Aaron Hoskins, Sarah Simmons, and Elie Yigo
CITY GRIT Hospitality Group
(smallSUGAR, CITY GRIT, Il Focolare Pizzeria)
Columbia, SC
Yenvy and Quynh Pham
Phở Bác Sup Shop, Phố côcic Standard Time
The Boat, Seattle, WA

Ellen Yin
High Street Hospitality Group
(Fork, a.kitchen + bar, High Street, and others)
Philadelphia, PA

Outstanding Restaurant

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Copine
Seattle, WA

Coracora
West Hartford, CT

Friday Saturday Sunday
Philadelphia, PA

Lucia
Dallas, TX

Mita’s
Cincinnati, OH
Outstanding Chef

Rachel Miller
Nightshade Noodle Bar
Lynn, MA

Niki Nakayama
n/naka
Los Angeles, CA

Erik Ramirez
Llama Inn
Brooklyn, NY

Rob Rubba
Oyster Oyster
Washington, D.C.

Hajime Sato
Sozai,
Clawson, MI
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Monday, June 5

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James Beard Award Semifinalist
Saibeen Acord
Saibeen’s Kitchen, Great Falls, MT

James Beard Award Nominee
Omar Anani
Saffron De Twah, Detroit, MI

James Beard Award Nominee
Tiffany Derry
Roots Southern Table, Farmers Branch, TX

James Beard Award Winner
Brandon Jew
Mister Jiu’s, San Francisco, CA

Kevin Kelly and Kevin Cavanaugh
J&L Catering, Chicago, IL
James Beard Award Nominees
Kate Lasky and Tomasz Skowronski
Apteka, Pittsburgh, PA

James Beard Award Nominee
Macarena Ludena
Coracora, West Hartford, CT

James Beard Award Semifinalist
Niven Patel
Ghee Indian Kitchen, Miami, FL

James Beard Award Semifinalist
Minh Phan
PHENAKITE, Los Angeles, CA

James Beard Award Semifinalists
Angie Rito and Scott Tacinelli
Don Angie, New York, NY

James Beard Award Nominees
John Shields and Karen Urie Shields
Smyth, Chicago, IL

James Beard Award Nominee
Sheldon Simeon
Tiffany’s Restaurant & Bar, Wailuku, HI

James Beard Award Semifinalist
Dale Talde
Goosefeather, Tarrytown, NY

James Beard Award Semifinalist
Chris Viaud
Ansanm, Milford, NH
James Beard Award Nominee
Crystal Wahpepah
Wahpepah’s Kitchen, Oakland, CA

James Beard Award Semifinalist
Mailea Weger and Mike Kida
lou, Nashville, TN

Featuring music from DJ M-Dok
AWARDS SESSIONS: A SERIES OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Join us on Saturday and Sunday for a programming series highlighting our community.

Saturday, June 3
1:30 to 3:00 P.M. CT

Food Access and Sustainable Communities

A sustainable community is defined by its ability to manage its human, natural, and financial capital to meet current needs while ensuring adequate resources for future generations. Equitable Food access is a key feature of this model, but what happens when the human capital is unable to sustain itself? In this discussion, chefs and activists address this challenge, what drives it, and their own solutions towards a better future while investing in the present. Moderated by JBF vice president of Community Colleen Vincent and featuring panelists Rick Bayless, Maya-Camille Broussard, Brandon Chrostowski, Valerie Horn, Justin Pioche, and Erick Williams.
Saturday, June 3
3:15 to 4:00 P.M. CT
(Cocktail reception to follow)

The Abundance Setting x JBF Panel: Who’s Watching the Kids?

The panel’s title is a question that perhaps working moms get more than working dads. This conversation will provide a look behind the scenes at how chefs and restaurateurs are handling the challenges, the tradeoffs, and stigma around the topic. Moderated by Beverly Kim and Sarah Stegner.

Monday, June 5
10:00 to 11:00 A.M. CT

JBF Chef Advocacy Meet-Up

Whether you’ve been working on a compost program or higher wages for your community, advocating for SNAP expansion, the Justice for Black Farmers Act, or other Farm Bill efforts at the federal level, or needing some inspiration to better use your voice and platform for issues you care about, come share your advocacy stories—and questions—with friends and colleagues. This informal meet-up is an opportunity to share successes and challenges with others and be energized anew around the collective power of chefs, in a perfect combination of networking and action.
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