



## Winners Announced for the 2017 James Beard Foundation Media Awards

NEW YORK, NY (April 25, 2017) - The James Beard Foundation, the culinary industry's most prestigious recognition program, has announced the winners of the 2017 James Beard Media Awards, honoring the nation's top cookbook authors, culinary broadcast producers and hosts, and food industry journalists. Nominees and guests gathered at an exclusive celebration dinner, hosted by James Beard Award winner Andrew Zimmern, on Tuesday, April 25, at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in New York City. A complete list of award winners can be found at the end of this release, as well as at [jamesbeard.org/awards](http://jamesbeard.org/awards).

Highlights from this year's list of winners include:

### **Book Awards:**

**General Cooking:** *Eat in My Kitchen: To Cook, to Bake, to Eat, and to Treat*, Meike Peters, (Prestel)

**Book of the Year:** *Victuals: An Appalachian Journey, with Recipes*, Ronni Lundy, (Clarkson Potter)

**Cookbook Hall of Fame:** Judith Jones

### **Broadcast Media Awards:**

**Outstanding Personality/Host:** Andrew Zimmern, *Andrew Zimmern's Bucket List*; *Andrew Zimmern's Driven by Food*; *Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern*, Airs on: Travel Channel and [andrewzimmern.com](http://andrewzimmern.com)

**Podcast:** *The Four Top*, Host: Katherine Cole, Producers: Katherine Cole and Morgan Holm, Airs on: [npr.org](http://npr.org) and iTunes

**Television Program, on Location:** *Chef's Table*, Producers: David Gelb, Brian McGinn, Matthew Weaver, Andrew Fried, and Dane Lillegard, Airs on: Netflix

### **Journalism Awards:**

**Visual Storytelling:** "Thrill Ride," Vince Dixon and Mariya Pylayev, *Eater*

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**Publication of the Year:** *Roads & Kingdoms*

**Craig Claiborne Distinguished Restaurant Review Award:** "High Chairs and Hard Core"; "The X-Files"; "Beyond Biscuits and Gravy," Karen Brooks, *Portland Monthly*

**M.F.K. Fisher Distinguished Writing Award:** "The Dog Thief Killings," Calvin Godfrey, *Roads & Kingdoms*

All Media Awards categories are overseen by individual committees which serve to determine Awards policies and procedures. The Book Award judges (48 in total) include editors, authors, journalists, and culinary educators who have not published a culinary book during the current Awards year. The Broadcast Media Award judges (more than 50 in total) include producers, educators, editors, and print journalists. Journalism Award judges (more than 100 in total) include working editors, journalists, retired food and beverage editors and writers, and deans and professors of leading journalism colleges.

The Awards began with a cocktail reception where Pier Sixty Host Chefs Philip DeMaiolo and Matthew Tiscornia prepared an array of passed hors d'oeuvres. Dinner was prepared by James Beard Award winner Maricel E. Presilla (Cucharamama, Hoboken, NJ), James Beard Award winner Michael Solomonov (Zahav, Philadelphia), and James Beard Award winner Rick Bayless (Frontera Grill, Chicago). A dessert reception immediately followed, with an array of sweets provided by Nicolas Botomisy (Valrhona, New York City), James Beard Award-nominated chef Meg Galus (Boka, Chicago), James Beard Award-nominated chef Maura Kilpatrick (Oleana, Boston), and James Beard Award-nominated chef Margarita Manzke (République, Los Angeles).

The Restaurant and Chef and Restaurant Design Awards will be announced on Monday, May 1, 2017, at the James Beard Awards Gala in Chicago. A number of special achievement awards, including Humanitarian of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Who's Who, Design Icon, and America's Classics will be also be distributed to pre-announced honorees. This highly anticipated annual celebration will take place at the Lyric Opera of Chicago and will be hosted by Jesse Tyler Ferguson. A gala reception will immediately follow, featuring top chefs and beverage professionals from across the country.

Established in 1990, the James Beard Awards recognize culinary professionals for excellence and achievement in their fields and furthers the Foundation's mission to celebrate, nurture, and honor chefs and other leaders making America's food culture more delicious, diverse, and sustainable for everyone. Each award category has an individual committee made up of industry professionals who volunteer their time to oversee the policies, procedures, and selection of judges for their respective Awards program. All JBF Award winners receive a certificate and a medallion engraved with the James Beard Foundation Awards insignia. There are no cash prizes.

The 2017 James Beard Foundation Awards are proudly hosted by Choose Chicago and the Illinois Restaurant Association and presented in association with the Chicago Department of Aviation, HMSHost, Illinois Office of Tourism, and Mariano's as well as the following partners: Premier Sponsors: All-Clad Metalcrafters, American Airlines, Lavazza, S.Pellegrino® Sparkling

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### **About the James Beard Foundation (JBF)**

Founded in 1986, the James Beard Foundation celebrates, nurtures, and honors chefs and other leaders making America's food culture more delicious, diverse, and sustainable for everyone. A cookbook author and teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge about food, the late James Beard was a champion of American cuisine. He helped educate and mentor generations of professional chefs and food enthusiasts, instilling in them the value of wholesome, healthful, and delicious food. Today JBF continues in the same spirit by administering a number of diverse programs that include educational initiatives, food industry awards, scholarships for culinary students, publications, chef advocacy training, and thought-leader convening. The Foundation also maintains the historic James Beard House in New York City's Greenwich Village as a "performance space" for visiting chefs.

For more information, please visit [jamesbeard.org](http://jamesbeard.org). Get food news, recipes, and more at the James Beard Foundation's [blog](#), or subscribe to the free digital newsletter [Beard Bites](#). Follow @beardfoundation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), and Snapchat. Watch the James Beard House Kitchen Cam, James Beard Awards, and more on the Foundation's [Livestream](#) channel. Find more JBF-related video on the Foundation's [YouTube](#) channels.

### **2017 James Beard Foundation Awards Nominees**

#### **2017 James Beard Foundation Book Awards**

For books published in English in 2016.

##### **American Cooking**

*Victuals: An Appalachian Journey, with Recipes*

Ronni Lundy

(Clarkson Potter)

##### **Baking and Dessert**

*Dorie's Cookies*

Dorie Greenspan

(Rux Martin Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

##### **Beverage**

*Smuggler's Cove: Exotic Cocktails, Rum, and the Cult of Tiki*

Martin Cate with Rebecca Cate

(Ten Speed Press)

##### **Cooking from a Professional Point of View**

*Classic Koffmann*

Pierre Koffmann

(Jacqui Small)

### **General Cooking**

*Eat in My Kitchen: To Cook, to Bake, to Eat, and to Treat*

Meike Peters

(Prestel)

### **Health**

*You Have It Made: Delicious, Healthy, Do-Ahead Meals*

Ellie Krieger

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

### **International**

*Taste of Persia: A Cook's Travels Through Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, and Kurdistan*

Naomi Duguid

(Artisan)

### **Nonfiction**

*A Square Meal: A Culinary History of the Great Depression*

Jane Ziegelman and Andrew Coe

(Harper)

### **Photography**

*Taste & Technique: Recipes to Elevate Your Home Cooking*

Chris Court

(Ten Speed Press)

### **Reference and Scholarship**

*The Oxford Companion to Cheese*

Catherine Donnelly

(Oxford University Press)

### **Single Subject**

*Milk. Made.: A Book About Cheese. How to Choose It, Serve It and Eat It*

Nick Haddow

(Hardie Grant)

### **Vegetable Cooking**

*The Middle Eastern Vegetarian Cookbook*

Salma Hage

(Phaidon Press)

### **Book of the Year Award**

*Victuals: An Appalachian Journey, with Recipes*

Ronni Lundy  
(Clarkson Potter)

### **Cookbook Hall of Fame**

Judith Jones

### **2017 James Beard Foundation Broadcast Media Awards**

For television, web, and radio programs aired in 2016.

#### **Documentary**

*The Birth of Saké*

Director: Erik Shirai

Producer: Masako Tsumura

Airs on: iTunes, PBS, and vhx.tv

#### **Outstanding Personality/Host**

Andrew Zimmern

*Andrew Zimmern's Bucket List; Andrew Zimmern's Driven by Food; Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern*

Airs on: Travel Channel and andrewzimmern.com

#### **Podcast**

*The Four Top*

Host: Katherine Cole

Producers: Katherine Cole and Morgan Holm

Airs on: npr.org and iTunes

#### **Radio Show/Audio Webcast**

*Hidden Kitchens: War & Peace & Food*

Producers: The Kitchen Sisters: Davia Nelson and Nikki Silva

Airs on: NPR's Morning Edition and npr.org

#### **Special (on TV or Web)**

*Lidia Celebrates America: Holiday for Heroes*

Host: Lidia Bastianich

Producers: Laurie Donnelly, Lidia Bastianich, Anne Adams, and Shelly Burgess Nicotra

Airs on: PBS

#### **Television Program, in Studio or Fixed Location**

*Fish the Dish*

Host: Spencer Watts

Producer: Chris Knight

Airs on: Gusto and gustotv.com

#### **Television Program, on Location**

### *Chef's Table*

Producers: David Gelb, Brian McGinn, Matthew Weaver, Andrew Fried, and Dane Lillegard

Airs on: Netflix

### **Television Segment**

#### *Harvesting Alaska*

Hosts: Heather Hintze and Lauren Maxwell

Producer: Gina Romero

Airs on: KTVA Anchorage and ktva.com

### **Video Webcast, Fixed Location and/or Instructional**

#### *Kitchen Conundrums with Thomas Joseph*

Host: Thomas Joseph

Producers: Samantha Schutz and Greta Anthony

Airs on: marthastewart.com and YouTube

### **Video Webcast, on Location**

#### *Working 24 Hours at...*

Director: Joe Williams

Host: Andrew Knowlton

Producer: Meghan Scibona

Airs on: video.bonappetit.com

### **Visual and Technical Excellence**

#### *Uncharted*

Director and Photographer: James Mann

Editors: Aaron Warzynski and James Fitzpatrick

Airs on: tastemade.com

### **2017 James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards**

For articles published in English in 2016.

### **Columns**

"Eat": "A Haitian Grandmother's Home-Cooked Porridge"; "Kimchi Fried Rice, Korean Comfort Food"; and "Casa Calamari"

Francis Lam

*The New York Times Magazine*

### **Dining and Travel**

"I Want Crab. Pure Maryland Crab."

Bill Addison

*Eater*

### **Food and Culture**

"A Last Dinner in the Jungle"

Shane Mitchell

*Roads & Kingdoms*

## **Food and Health**

"Brain Food"

Hunter Lewis, Carolyn Williams, Sidney Fry, and Peggy Knickerbocker

*Cooking Light*

## **Food Coverage in a General-Interest Publication**

*The New Yorker Food Issue*

David Remnick, Lauren Collins, Dana Goodyear, and Carolyn Korman

## **Food Reporting**

"Exploited in Paradise" series

Martha Mendoza and Margie Mason

*Associated Press*

## **Home Cooking**

"How to Cook, Smoke, Crumble, Grind, Pickle, Candy, Milk, Slow Cook, Toast, Pulverize, and Fry a Nut"

Cheryl Slocum and Robin Bashinsky

*Cooking Light*

## **Humor**

"Recipes with Roots: The True Meaning of Turkey"

Francis Lam

*Cooking Light*

## **Local Impact**

"Free Crabs!"; "A Significant Goodbye"; "Feeding the Prison System"

Hanna Raskin

*The Post and Courier (Charleston, SC)*

## **Personal Essay**

"All I Want Are Some Potato Skins"

Keith Pandolfi

*Serious Eats*

## **Profile**

"Finding Pete Wells: A Search for America's Most Dangerous Restaurant Critic"

Kevin Alexander

*Thrillist*

## **Visual Storytelling**

"Thrill Ride"

Vince Dixon and Mariya Pylayev

*Eater*

**Wine, Spirits, and other Beverages**

"The Great Craft Beer Sellout"

Dave Infante

*Thrillist*

**Craig Claiborne Distinguished Restaurant Review Award**

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