Winners Announced for the 2018 James Beard Foundation Media Awards

NEW YORK, NY (April 27, 2018) – The James Beard Foundation, the culinary industry’s most prestigious recognition program, has announced the winners of the 2018 James Beard Media Awards. The Media Awards honor 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 award-winning journalist Tamron Hall, on Friday, April 27, 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.

Highlights from this year’s list of winners include:

**Book Awards:**

**General:** *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat*; Samin Nosrat (Simon and Schuster)

**Book of the Year:** *The Cooking Gene*, Michael W. Twitty (Amistad)

**Cookbook Hall of Fame:** Betty Fussell

**Broadcast Media Awards:**

** Documentary:** *Barbecue*; Director: Matthew Salleh; Producers: Daniel Joyce and Rose Tucker; Airs on: Netflix

**Outstanding Personality/Host:** Pati Jinich, *Pati’s Mexican Table*; Airs on: WETA Washington; Distributed Nationally by American Public Television

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JBF MEDIA DROPBOX
Podcast: The Sporkful, Host: Dan Pashman; Producers: Dan Pashman, Anne Noyes Saini, and Dan Charles; Airs on: Stitcher and iTunes

Journalism Awards:

Food Section: Roads & Kingdoms, Nathan Thornburgh, Matt Goulding, Cara Parks, and the Roads & Kingdoms Team

Investigative Reporting: “The Only Good Muslim” and “Compromised”; Ted Genoways with The Food & Environment Reporting Network; The New Republic

Craig Claiborne Distinguished Restaurant Review Award: Counter Intelligence: “The World’s Best Restaurant Opens a Pop-Up in Mexico”; “At Vespertine, Jonathan Gold Makes Contact with Otherworldly Cooking”; “Jonathan Gold Finds Delight in the Secretive Santa Monica Restaurant Dialogue”
Jonhathan Gold; Los Angeles Times

MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Award: “Who Owns Uncle Ben?”; Shane Mitchell; The Bitter Southerner

Each of the Media Awards categories is overseen by a committee of volunteer industry professionals, who determine Awards policies and procedures. The Book Award judges (48 in total) include editors, authors, journalists, and culinary educators who have not published a food 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 70 in total) include working editors, journalists, retired food and beverage editors and writers, and deans and professors of leading journalism colleges.

The 2018 James Beard Awards theme “Rise” celebrates the way in which the culinary community rises to the occasion—whether to feed those in need, to stand up for what they believe in, to support their local communities, or to express their personal stories through their cooking. Consistent with this theme, the chefs selected to cook at the Media Awards were chosen because of their active engagement in various philanthropic causes significant to each individual chef. The evening began with a cocktail reception, for which Pier Sixty Host Chef Philip DeMaioolo and Aquavit’s chef Emma Bengtsson, presented by Breville®, prepared an array of hors d’oeuvre and tasting stations. Following, a three-course dinner was prepared by James Beard Award winner Michael Anthony (Gramercy Tavern, NYC), James Beard Award winner Ashley Christensen (Poole’s Diner, Raleigh, NC), and James Beard Award winner Hugo Ortega (H-Town Restaurant Group, Houston). A dessert reception immediately followed, with an array of sweets provided by Daniel Alvarez, presented by Valrhona (Union Square Café, NYC), April Anderson (Good Cakes and Bakes LLC, Detroit), James Beard Award
winner Claudia Fleming (The North Fork Table & Inn, Southold, NY), and James Beard Award nominee Zachary Golper (Bien Cuit, Brooklyn, NY).

The Restaurant and Chef and Restaurant Design Awards will be announced on Monday, May 7, 2018, at the James Beard Awards Gala in Chicago. During the event, which is open to the public, awards for the Restaurant and Chef and Restaurant Design categories will be handed out, along with special achievement awards Humanitarian of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Design Icon, Who’s Who of Food and Beverage in America, and America’s Classics. 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 2018 James Beard Foundation Awards are proudly hosted by Choose Chicago and the Illinois Restaurant Association and presented in association with Chicago O’Hare and Midway International Airports as well as the following partners: Premier Sponsors: All-Clad Metalcrafters, American Airlines, HMSHost, HOODZ: a BELFOR Company, Illinois Office of Tourism, Lavazza, S.Pellegrino® Sparkling Natural Mineral Water, TABASCO® Sauce, Woodford Reserve Bourbon; Supporting Sponsors: Breville®, Corporate Essentials, Hyatt, National Restaurant Association™, Robert Mondavi Winery, Skuna Bay Salmon, Taylor Precision Products, Valrhona, Windstar Cruises; Gala Reception Sponsors: Dogfish Head Craft Brewery, Ecolab, Front of the House®, Kendall College, Mercedes-Benz; with additional support from: Chefwear, Emmi Roth, Loacker, and VerTerra Dinnerware.

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. 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.

2018 James Beard Foundation Media Awards Winners

2018 James Beard Foundation Book Awards
For books published in English in 2017.

American
The Sioux Chef’s Indigenous Kitchen
Sean Sherman with Beth Dooley
(University of Minnesota Press)

Baking and Desserts
BraveTart: Iconic American Desserts
Stella Parks
(W. W. Norton & Company)

Beverage
Meehan’s Bartender Manual
Jim Meehan
(Ten Speed Press)

General
Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat
Samin Nosrat
(Simon and Schuster)

Health and Special Diets
Deepa’s Secrets
Deepa Thomas
(Skyhorse)

International
Nopalito
Photography
*Cook Beautiful*
Johnny Miller
(Abrams)

Reference, History, and Scholarship
*Champagne*
Peter Liem
(Ten Speed Press)

Restaurant and Professional
*Modernist Bread*
Nathan Myhrvold and Francisco Migoya
(The Cooking Lab)

Single Subject
*The Pho Cookbook*
Andrea Nguyen
(Ten Speed Press)

Vegetable-Focused Cooking
*Six Seasons: A New Way with Vegetables*
Joshua McFadden with Martha Holmberg
(Artisan Books)

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**Radio Show/Audio Webcast**
*The Legacy of the Mississippi Delta Chinese*
Host: Melissa Block
Producer: Elissa Nadworny
Airs on: NPR

**Special (on TV or Web)**
*Lidia Celebrates America: Homegrown Heroes*
Host: Lidia Bastianich
Producers: Laurie Donnelly, Anne Adams, and Shelly Burgess Nicotra
Airs on: PBS

**Television Program, in Studio or Fixed Location**
*Barefoot Contessa: Cook Like a Pro*
Host: Ina Garten
Producers: Rachel Purnell, Olivia Ball, and Bridget Lumley
Airs on: Food Network

**Television Program, on Location**
*Chef’s Table: Jeong Kwan*
Producers: David Gelb, Brian McGinn, and Andrew Fried
Airs on: Netflix

**Television Segment**
*PBS NewsHour*
Reporters: Allison Aubrey and Paul Solman
Producer: Mary Beth Durkin
Airs on: PBS

**Video Webcast, Fixed Location and/or Instructional**
*Panna Cooking: Black Bean-Glazed Salmon with Ginger Cabbage*
Host: Vivian Howard

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ucers: David Ellner, Amy Currie, and Stephanie Roush
Airs on: pannacooking.com

Video Webcast, on Location
Working 24 Hours at...
Host: Andrew Knowlton
Director: Vincent Cross
Producer: Matt Duckor
Airs on: YouTube and Bon Appétit Video

Visual and Technical Excellence
Food Talkies
Director, Photographer, Editor: Andrew Gooi
Airs on: foodtalkies.com

2018 James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards
For articles published in English in 2017.

Columns
Missed Cues: “Get Help”; “Distilled Identity”; and “Destination, Small Town”
Osayi Endolyn
Gravy

Dining and Travel
“In Pursuit of Perfect Hummus”
J.M. Hirsch
Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street Magazine

Feature Reporting
“The NBA’s Secret Addiction”
Baxter Holmes
ESPN The Magazine

Food and Health
“The Great Nutrient Collapse”
Helena Bottemiller Evich
Politico

Food Section
Roads & Kingdoms
Nathan Thornburgh, Matt Goulding, Cara Parks, and the Roads & Kingdoms Team

Foodways
“The Teenage Whaler’s Tale”
Julia O’Malley
High Country News

Hom
e Cooking
“Thanksgiving Lessons”
Adam Rapoport and the Bon Appétit Editorial Team
Bon Appétit

Humor
“Pumpkin Spice Life”
Maura Judkis
The Washington Post

Innovative Storytelling
“The New Essentials of French Cooking”
Melissa Clark, Emily Weinstein, Barbara deWilde, and Alexandra Eaton
The New York Times

Investigative Reporting
“The Only Good Muslim” and “Compromised”
Ted Genoways with The Food & Environment Reporting Network
The New Republic

Local Impact
“Farm to Chapel”; “They Ditched Vienna Sausages for Porterhouse Steaks and Lobster at West Grove Cookout”; and “How a Secular Jewish Baker Became Miami’s Kosher King”
Carlos Frías
Miami Herald

Personal Essay
“Dear Women: Own Your Stories”
Lisa Donovan
Foodandwine.com

Profile
“She Was a Soul Food Sensation. Then, 19 Years Ago, She Disappeared.”
Mayukh Sen
Food52

Wine, Spirits, and Other Beverages
“The Pu-Erh Broker”
Max Falkowitz
Saveur

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