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2020 JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARDS PRESENTED BY CAPITAL ONE

**NOMINEE ANNOUNCEMENT HOSTED BY VISIT PHILADELPHIA®
TO BE STREAMED LIVE ONLINE MONDAY, MAY 4**

WHO:

- Clare Reichenbach, CEO, James Beard Foundation
- Mitchell Davis, Chief Strategy Officer, James Beard Foundation
- Kris Moon, Chief Operating Officer, James Beard Foundation
- Anne Quatrano, 2020 Awards Committee Chair, James Beard Award-Winning Chef
- Jeff Guaracino, President and CEO, VISIT PHILADELPHIA
- Jim Kenney, Mayor of Philadelphia
- Chutatip “Nok” Suntaranon, Chef/Owner, Kalaya Thai Kitchen
- Jamila Robinson, 2020 Journalism Awards Committee Member, James Beard Award-Winning Journalist, and The Philadelphia Inquirer Food Editor
- David Whitaker, President & CEO, Choose Chicago

WHAT:

The James Beard Foundation will hold its annual Awards Nominee Announcement virtually on Monday, May 4th, the date which would have been the 30th Anniversary James Beard Awards. The livestream will be co-hosted by VISIT PHILADELPHIA President and CEO Jeff Guaracino and Clare Reichenbach, CEO of the James Beard Foundation. Additional guests and presenters from Philadelphia will include Mayor Jim Kenney, Philadelphia’s Bella Vista neighborhood Kalaya Thai Kitchen chef and owner, Chutatip “Nok” Suntaranon, and Jamila Robinson, 2020 Awards Committee Member, James Beard Award-Winning Journalist, and *The Philadelphia Inquirer’s* Food Editor.

Currently, each Restaurant and Chef award category consists of a pool of 20+ semifinalists and this event will announce the final group of nominees. In total, nominees for more than 50 awards categories, including Restaurant and Chef, Restaurant Design, and Media areas of Books, Broadcast, and Journalism will be announced. Finally, this year’s Leadership Award recipients and Design Icon honoree will also be recognized during the livestream. Full list of categories to be announced below.

The event will take place at 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time online via the Foundation’s Twitter, [@beardfoundation](https://twitter.com/beardfoundation).

Updated information regarding the 2020 Awards Ceremony is forthcoming; details regarding the date, format and location of the Awards will be shared as soon as possible.

WHEN: **Monday, May 4, 2020**
4:00pm - 5:00pm EST

WHERE: **Join online** via the Foundation's [Twitter page](#)

FULL LIST OF AWARDS CATEGORIES TO BE ANNOUNCED:

RESTAURANT & CHEF

- Best New Restaurant
- Outstanding Baker
- Outstanding Bar Program
- Outstanding Chef (Presented by All-Clad Metalcrafters)
- Outstanding Hospitality (Presented by American Airlines)
- Outstanding Pastry Chef (Presented by Lavazza)
- Outstanding Restaurant (Presented by S.Pellegrino® Sparkling Natural Mineral Water)
- Outstanding Restaurateur (Presented by Magellan Corporation)
- Outstanding Wine Program
- Outstanding Wine, Beer or Spirits Producer
- Rising Star Chef of the Year (Presented by S.Pellegrino® Sparkling Natural Mineral Water)
- Best Chefs (Presented by Capital One)
 - Best Chef: California
 - Best Chef: Great Lakes (IL, IN, MI, OH)
 - Best Chef: Mid-Atlantic (D.C., DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA)
 - Best Chef: Midwest (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI)
 - Best Chef: Mountain (CO, ID, MT, UT, WY)
 - Best Chef: New York State
 - Best Chef: Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)
 - Best Chef: Northwest & Pacific (AK, HI, OR, WA)
 - Best Chef: South (AL, AR, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, FL, LA, MS)
 - Best Chef: Southeast (GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, WV)
 - Best Chef: Southwest (AZ, NM, NV, OK)
 - Best Chef: Texas

MEDIA

- **Books**
 - American
 - Baking and Desserts
 - Beverage with Recipes
 - Beverage without Recipes
 - General
 - Health and Special Diets

- International
- Reference, History, and Scholarship
- Restaurant and Professional
- Single Subject
- Vegetable-Focused Cooking
- Writing
- **Broadcast**
 - Outstanding Personality/Host
 - Television Program, in Studio or Fixed Location
 - Television Program, on Location
 - Visual Reporting (on TV or Online)
 - Documentary
 - Online Video, Fixed Location and/or Instructional
 - Online Video, on Location
 - Audio Reporting
 - Audio Program
 - Visual and Audio Technical Excellence
- **Journalism**
 - Columns
 - Craig Claiborne Distinguished Restaurant Review Award
 - Dining and Travel
 - Feature Reporting
 - Food Coverage in a General Interest Publication
 - Foodways
 - Health and Wellness
 - Home Cooking
 - Innovative Storytelling
 - Investigative Reporting
 - Jonathan Gold Local Voice Award
 - MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Award
 - Personal Essay, Long Form
 - Personal Essay, Short Form
 - Profile
 - Wine, Spirits and Other Beverages
 - Emerging Voice

DESIGN

- Outstanding Restaurant Design, 75 Seats and Under
- Outstanding Restaurant Design, 76 Seats and Over
- Outstanding Design of Alternative Eating & Drinking Places
- Design Icon

LEADERSHIP AWARDS HONOREES

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED HONOREES

- Humanitarian of the Year: Zero Foodprint
- Lifetime Achievement: Jessica B. Harris
- America's Classics

- Lassis Inn, Little Rock, AR
- Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth, MI
- Puritan Backroom, Manchester, NH
- Oriental Mart, Seattle, WA
- El Taco de Mexico, Denver, CO
- Vera's Backyard Bar-B-Que, Brownsville, TX

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