

THE
**SAUCY
AWARDS**



The Saucy Awards®
Presented by the Golden Gate Restaurant Association
2017 Nominees

CATEGORY: CHEF

CHEF OF THE YEAR Presented by OpenTable
Stuart Briozza - The Progress & State Bird Provisions
Srijith Gopinathan - Taj Campton Place
Jordan Keao - 'āina
Melissa Perello - Octavia/Frances

PASTRY CHEF OF THE YEAR Presented by Williams Sonoma Professional Chefs
Lori Baker - Bluestem Brasserie
Sarah Bonar - Octavia
Sarah Rich - Rich Table
Julie Vandermeersch - Vive La Tarte

RISING STAR CHEF OF THE YEAR - Presented by TriMark
Rachel Aronow - The Alembic
Audie Golder - Jardinière
Gaby Maeda - State Bird Provisions
Adam Tortosa - Robin

SOUS CHEF OF THE YEAR - Presented by Cayson Designs
Jeff Bloam - Mezcalito
Christian Reynoso - Zuni Cafe
Sam Situ - China Live
Chris Yang - 'āina

CATEGORY: SERVICE

RESTAURATEUR OF THE YEAR - Presented by OpenTable

Ryan Cole, Jason Halverson, Tai Ricci and Jason Kirmse - Hi Neighbor Hospitality Group

Traci Des Jardins - Jardinière and Mijita Cocina Mexicana; chef/partner of Public House, The Commissary, and Arguello

Adriano Paganini - Back of the House Inc. (Beretta, a Mano, Lolinda, El Techo, Starbelly, Delarosa, The Bird, Super Duper Burgers, Flores, Belga, Uno Dos Tacos, barvale)

Evan & Sarah Rich - Rich Table & RT Rotisserie

BEVERAGE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR- Presented by Young's Market

Brandon Clements - The Saratoga

Danny Louie - Mister Jiu's

Ilya Romanov - The Dorian

Thad Vogler - Trou Normand, Bar Agricole

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - Presented by Pared

Felipe Cardenas - Souvla

Stuart Furtwangler - Fogo de Chao

Jeanine Gade-Anderson - Pizzeria Delfina Mission, Delfina Restaurant Group

Su Q. Xu - Scoma's Restaurant

MANAGER OF THE YEAR - Presented by Miller Law Group

Vinny Eng - Tartine

Andrew Ghetia - 4505 Burgers & BBQ

Johnny Gilbert - Rich Table / RT Rotisserie

Amy Svendberg - Poggio

OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY SERVICE PROVIDER

Cayson Designs

Georgopoulos and Economidis, LLP

Pared

Poached Jobs

OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY SERVICE SUPPLIER

BiRite Foodservice

California Caviar Company

Gulfish

Villa Italia

CATEGORY: RESTAURANTS

EXCEPTIONAL FULL-SERVICE RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR - **Presented by
Georgopoulos and Economidis, LLP**

Acquerello
Foreign Cinema
Mourad
Perbacco

EXCEPTIONAL FAST-CASUAL RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR **Presented by
Thanx**

4505 Burgers & BBQ
Media Noche
Namu Stonepot
RT Rotisserie

EXCEPTIONAL NON-BRICK & MORTAR RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

Componere Fine Catering
Kantine
Pinoy Heritage SF
Rice Paper Scissors

EXCEPTIONAL SPECIALTY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YEAR

Powder
The Mill
Snowbird Coffee
Vive La Tarte

CATEGORY: PROGRAMS

WINE PROGRAM OF THE YEAR presented by **Estate Events by Meadowood**

Birba
Saison
Tartine Manufactory
The Riddler

COCKTAIL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR **presented by NFP**

August 1 Five
Benjamin Cooper
Foreign Cinema
Pacific Cocktail Haven

BEER PROGRAM OF THE YEAR **presented by Revel Systems**

Barrel Head Brewhouse
Buffalo Theory

Fat Angel
Old Devil Moon

SUSTAINABLE RESTAURANT OR BAR OF THE YEAR - Presented by

Recology

Bluestem
Cliff House
Jardiniere
Scoma's Restaurant

COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE YEAR - Presented by Comcast Business

4505 Meats
Stones Throw
Wing Wings
Zingari Ristorante

PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER- Presented by San Francisco Magazine

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Finn Town
ROOH
Scoma's Restaurant

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Presented by the Golden Gate
Restaurant Association**

Mariann Costello

The GGRA's Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual who has committed his/her life's work to the restaurant community by promoting the Bay Area as a world-class culinary destination, providing excellent customer service, and mentoring the next generation of culinary professionals. Mariann Costello was selected by the GGRA as this year's honoree. A native San Franciscan, Mariann has 29 years of restaurant experience and has served as President of the Golden Gate Restaurant Association and the California Restaurant Association and the former San Francisco Taxicab Commission. She is the former Chair of the San Francisco Travel Board of Directors (a board she still serves on), and is formerly a board member of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Board. She also serves as a Trustee for the Golden Gate Restaurant Association Scholarship Foundation.



Nominations were accepted from members of the restaurant industry. These nominations were narrowed down to four selected finalists by The 2017 Saucy Awards Steering Committee: Marcy Coburn, Marcia Gagliardi, Peter Kane, Joel Riddell, and Virginia Miller.

All GGRA member restaurants and any non-member nominees will be able to rank vote for the winners. The votes will be counted by accounting firm OUM & Co. LLP, to ensure fair and unbiased results.

The winners will be announced at The 2017 Saucy Awards gala on November 6, 2017 at Herbst Theater. For more information visit:

<http://ggra.org/the-saucy-awards/>

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