

THE  
**SAUCY  
AWARDS**



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

CATEGORY: CHEF

**CHEF OF THE YEAR** *Presented by OpenTable*  
**Srijith Gopinathan - Taj Campton Place**

**PASTRY CHEF OF THE YEAR** *Presented by Williams Sonoma Professional Chefs*  
**Julie Vandermeersch - Vive La Tarte**

**RISING STAR CHEF OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by TriMark*  
**Adam Tortosa - Robin**

**SOUS CHEF OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by Cayson Designs*  
**Sam Situ - China Live**

CATEGORY: SERVICE

**RESTAURATEUR OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by OpenTable*  
**Ryan Cole, Jason Halverson, Tai Ricci and Jason Kirmse - Hi Neighbor Hospitality Group**

**BEVERAGE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by Young's Market*  
**Ilya Romanov - The Dorian**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by Pared*  
**Stuart Furtwangler - Fogo de Chao**

**MANAGER OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by Miller Law Group*  
**Amy Svendberg - Poggio**

**OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY SERVICE PROVIDER**  
**Georgopoulos and Economidis, LLP**

**OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY SERVICE SUPPLIER**  
**Gulfish**

CATEGORY: RESTAURANTS

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

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

**EXCEPTIONAL NON-BRICK & MORTAR RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR**  
**Componere Fine Catering**

**EXCEPTIONAL SPECIALTY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YEAR**  
**Powder**

CATEGORY: PROGRAMS

**WINE PROGRAM OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by Estate Events by Meadowood*  
**Tartine Manufactory**

**COCKTAIL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by NFP*  
**August 1 Five**

**BEER PROGRAM OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by Revel Systems*  
**Barrel Head Brewhouse**

**SUSTAINABLE RESTAURANT OR BAR OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by  
Recology*  
**Scoma's Restaurant**

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE YEAR** - *Presented by Comcast Business*  
**Zingari Ristorante**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER** - *Presented by San Francisco Magazine*  
**ROOH**

**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 were able to rank vote for the winners. The votes were counted by accounting firm OUM & Co. LLP, to ensure fair and unbiased results.