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THE CONNECTICUT RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

2023

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RESTAURATEURS OF THE YEAR

Tony Pham & Rich Reyes | Mecha Noodle Bar

CONNECTICUT HOSPITALITY HALL OF FAME

Pellicci's Ristorante | Stamford

Shady Glen Restaurant | Manchester

FINALISTS

VENDOR OF THE YEAR

Box 8 Creative | New Haven

Earth's Palate Farm | Warren

Litchfield Distillery | Litchfield

Seacoast Mushrooms | Mystic

CATERER OF THE YEAR

Café Louise | West Hartford

CT Cocktail Car | New Haven

The Eatery | Wallingford

ONTHEMARC | Norwalk

The Tasty Yolk | Stratford, Bridgeport & Fairfield

BARTENDER OF THE YEAR

Shannon Ciralli - Market Place Kitchen & Bar | Avon

Frank Dean - 1928 Cocktail Club | Branford

Ryan Pelletier - West Street Grill | Litchfield

Sam Reyes - Mariposa | Danbury

Victoria Tenzyk - The Mariner | Mystic

SERVER OF THE YEAR

Erin Harrington - Engine Room | Mystic

Melanie Pabon - The Cottage | Westport

Erind Qazimi - Mill on the River | South Windsor

Nina Smith - Vinted | West Hartford

Meghan Zampedri - Fair Haven Oyster | New Haven

CHEF OF THE YEAR

David DiStasi - Materia Risorante | Bantam

Macarena Ludena - Coracora | West Hartford

David Standridge - The Shipwright's Daughter | Mystic

Jeff Taibe - Taproot | Norwalk

Colt Taylor - The Essex | Old Saybrook

PASTRY CHEF OF THE YEAR

Franck Iglesias - Foxwoods Resort Casino | Mashantucket

Melissa Knauer - The Benjamin | Ridgefield

Jessica Spivey - Oyster Club | Mystic

Whang Suh - Hen & Heifer | Guilford

Kim Hoang Wood - le Banh Patisserie | Simsbury

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Elm Street Diner | Stamford

Garden Catering | Multiple Locations

J. Timothy's Tavernne | Plainville

Rein's Deli | Vernon

Willimantic Brew Pub | Willimantic

RESTAURANT NEWCOMER

29 Markle Ct | Bridgeport

Esh | Fairfield

Fire by Forge | Hartford

Hachiroku Shokudo & Sake Bar | New Haven

Trigo Wood Fired Pizza | Willimantic

LITCHFIELD COUNTY RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

Arethusa al tavolo | Bantam

At the Corner | Litchfield

Materia Ristorante | Bantam

FAIRFIELD COUNTY RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

Good Old Days | Newtown

L'Ostal | Darien

Taproot | Norwalk

HARTFORD COUNTY RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

The Charles | Wethersfield

Coracora | West Hartford

Union Kitchen | West Hartford

NEW HAVEN COUNTY RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

Hindsight BBQ | Waterbury

Strega | Milford

Tavern on State | New Haven

TOLLAND COUNTY RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

Camille's Wood Fired Pizza | Tolland

Sichuan Pepper | Vernon

Trattoria da Lepri | Ellington

MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

The Essex | Old Saybrook

Grano Arso | Chester

Osa | Middletown

WINDHAM COUNTY RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

85 Main | Putnam

Elizabeth's Farmhouse | Putnam

Stone Row Kitchen + Bar | Willimantic

NEW LONDON COUNTY RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

La Belle Aurore | Niantic

The Port of Call | Mystic

Via Emilia | Mystic