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FOOD & WINE REVEALS

2011 BEST NEW CHEFS IN AMERICA

RISING CULINARY TALENTS HONORED AT NEW YORK CITY EVENT—

New York, NY (April 5, 2011) – Dana Cowin, editor in chief of FOOD & WINE, announced this year's winners of the 23rd annual **FOOD & WINE Best New Chefs award** during a celebration at Bohemian National Hall in New York City. This prestigious, career-making award recognizes up-and-coming chefs with a distinctive culinary style and exceptional vision. The 2011 winners will be featured in the July issue of FOOD & WINE and will also attend the 29th annual FOOD & WINE Classic in Aspen on June 17 to 19. For more on the winners, go to foodandwine.com/bestnewchefs or download the iPhone application on iTunes.

"It's thrilling to find so many outrageously talented chefs in every corner of the country," Cowin says. "We're celebrating a pair of chefs who are creating ingenious modernist food in Salt Lake City, a chef in Birmingham who is so committed to his farmers that he invites them to cook in his restaurant, and an enterprising chef in Brooklyn whose restaurant also houses a radio station. And, for the first time ever, we're honoring a winner of TV's *Top Chef*."

2011 F&W BEST NEW CHEFS

Bowman Brown & Viet Pham *Forage*, Salt Lake City, UT

Jason Franey *Canlis*, Seattle, WA

Bryce Gilmore *Barley Swine* and *Odd Duck Farm to Trailer*, Austin, TX

Stephanie Izard *Girl & The Goat*, Chicago, IL

James Lewis *Bettola*, Birmingham, AL

George Mendes *Aldea*, Manhattan

Carlo Mirarchi *Roberta's*, Brooklyn, NY

Joshua Skenes *Saison*, San Francisco, CA

Kevin Willmann *Farmhaus*, St. Louis, MO

Ricardo Zarate *Mo-Chica*, Los Angeles, CA

Several F&W Best New Chef alumni prepared signature dishes at the party, including **Michael Anthony** of Gramercy Tavern ('02); **Jonathan Benno** of Lincoln ('06); **Tom Colicchio** of Craft ('91); **Rocco DiSpirito**, the author of *Now Eat This!* ('99); and **Missy Robbins** of A Voce ('10). *Top Chef* Season 7 winner **Kevin Sbraga** was also on hand prepping tastings at the event. All-Clad, Buick, Fiji, and Stella Artois sponsored the evening. The Best New Chefs wore chef coats created by designer Robert Graham.

Best New Chefs are chosen after a months-long selection process. The magazine works with restaurant critics, food writers and other trusted experts around the country to identify outstanding chefs who have been in charge of a kitchen for five years or fewer. Then the editors travel incognito to taste the food themselves.

As America's talent-seeking epicurean magazine, FOOD & WINE has awarded the Best New Chef title to such luminaries-in-the-making as **Thomas Keller** ('88), **Nobu Matsuhisa** ('89) and **Rick Bayless** ('88). For more information about the award, visit foodandwine.com/bestnewchefs. To go behind the scenes at the party, follow @fandw on Twitter and join the conversation with #bestnewchefs.

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