

TASTE TALKS AWARDSIntroduction

Show begins

DJ onstage

VIDEO: INTRO VIDEO BEGINS [30 SECONDS]

DJ plays intro music

Enter Mo Rocca

MO:

Opening remarks. [5 minutes]

Thanks for being the guinea pigs to our first ever Taste Talks Food & Drink Awards! If you're familiar Taste Talks at all you'll know we strive to highlight the innovation, diversity & culture of this country's food world. Which is exactly why they got a middle aged white man from DC to host the first one! To be fair they wanted to have the first Orange American Awards Host, but Trump was busy with the debate tonight.

Thanks for coming to our first ever Taste Talks Food & Drink Awards! We're not the only awards show that honors the best to eat and drink, but we are the most self-involved. It is Brooklyn, after all!

As we weave through the show tonight you might be thinking to yourself, gee it looks like a lot of the Academy members are also nominees, and you'd be right. Well, except for Chef Roble, we didn't want to inflate his ego bigger than it already is.

We've got a lot of our Academy members here tonight! Well, except for Mario Batali--after opening up the downtown location of Eataly with a focus on bread, Mario often doubles as security to prevent Oprah from taking over the store. She LOVES bread.

Thanks so much for coming out tonight! We know that you could be spending your time watching the 1st of the Presidential Debates between Hillary Won't-eat-in-front-of-you Clinton and Donald Stuffs-his-little-fingers-full-of-fast-food Trump.

You could be spending your time watching the NFL right now, but you're here. They did write us a letter asking if we could change the date of this event, but no one in the office knew what an NFL was.

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We wanted Rockaway's 'pizza nazi' to be here tonight, but he didn't want to be in the same room as the editor of anything called Munchies.

VIDEO: ACADEMY VIDEO CONTENT 1 [30 SECONDS]

INNOVATION AWARDS SEGMENT

MO:

Before we get started, we want to be sure you understand how tonight's going down. Our ambitions and admirations are high, so we're handing out about 30 awards in 90 minutes, so we're gonna do things a little differently than your average awards snooze. Plus, we know you've probably got reservations for Olmstead after this, and that bathroom beehive won't scare itself.

In order to get that done with some fun surprises mixed in, we'll be announcing the nominees and winners in groups. And we ask that you hold your applause until the end of each group. It'll help us get through all the fun things we have for you and still give you time to line up for Dominique Ansel's next dessert mashup, the brownoli--which is just an old brownie folded around some cannoli cream.

or--the pancrepe--you know, combining the crepe and pancake.

It's hard to say whether Dominique really tapped into something amazing by bringing together two beloved pastries, or if he just knew that New Yorkers were desperate to wait in lines--we're looking at you Black Tap! Our first two presenters, however, are doing some amazing things by combining their loves of food and music. Please welcome to the stage Heems and Dieselboy!

INNOVATION PRESENTER:

For some, food innovations just mean buzz terms like farm-to-table, cold brew coffee, insect protein, or just taking what's old and making it new again. But tonight's nominees are the real deal, taking us well beyond the days of yore, or even of today. These innovators are not only elevating food, but making it more accessible to a wider audience, and creating new food lovers.

Our first batch of nominees are:

For BEST STARTUP:

Blue Apron
Culinary Agents
Imperfect Produce
LocoL
Reserve

For BEST NEW TECHNOLOGY:

BeeHex

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INNOVATION PRESENTER: (cont'd)

June Oven
 Nomiku
 Uber Eats
 Panna Cooking
 SmartPlate

And For OUTSTANDING NON-PROFIT
 Careers Through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP)
 City Harvest
 Edible Schoolyard
 Hot Bread Kitchen
 No Kid Hungry

And the winners are:_____.

DJ plays music

Winners go onstage to accept awards

INNOVATION PRESENTER:

This next group may not always draw the same crowds as a Museum of Ice Cream pop-up, but the work they do will influence generations of eaters through education, and preservation, making a much more lasting impact on our foodscape.

Our next group of innovative nominees are:

For BEST ACADEMIC INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION
 Culinary Institute of America
 Museum of Food and Drink (MOFAD)
 NYU Food Studies
 Southern Foodways Alliance
 Yale Sustainable Food Program

For BEST ENVIRONMENTAL, AGRICULTURAL, OR SUSTAINABLE
 INNOVATION

Billion Oyster Project
 Charity Water
 Chef's Collaborative
 Sea To Table
 Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture

And the winners are:_____.

DJ play music

Winners go onstage to accept awards

Musical Performance 1

MO:

If Dieselboy:

We've seen what our 1st musical guest can do with a list of names and some gold-plated cast-irons, but now we get to shine a light on his real talent, which is making soundwaves that compel you to move your body. Recently he even collaborated with a notable Chef to put on a dinner that celebrated the five tastes and curated a playlist to satisfy your ears. Please put your hands together again for the very talented Dieselboy!

If Justine D:

Creating music and food are both art forms that can take days, months, years to perfect for one singular performance. Once perfected though, both recipes and songs may be replicated over and over. It should be no surprise then that there is a lot of crossover between the two worlds. Our 1st musical guest is a prime example of that. While perfecting her turntable hands she was also piping it out at the French Culinary Institute and today is lauded as both a top cake maker, and a revolutionary DJ. Please welcome to the stage, the one and only DJ Justine D!

Musical performance. [7 minutes]

VIDEO: ACADEMY VIDEO CONTENT 2 [30 SECONDS]

MEDIA AWARDS SEGMENT PART 1

MO:

What an amazing performance! Now I hope someone caught that on film, because food and media, today, go hand-in-hand like milkshakes and chocolate syrup, and caramel, and cookies, and candy, and bubblegum, and birthday cake, and pie, and marshmallows, and lollipops, and fruit, and chili, and corndogs, and lemonade, and--let me know when to stop Black Tap--are we there yet?

Anyway, our next group of awards honors the many outlets that let us obsess over our food in every aspect of our lives, our media awards cover everything from the words that describe our culinary desires to the TV, movies and podcasts that explore these passions with great charm, and lots of swear words. Also, Instagram. And our next presenters are well-versed in this world.

Please welcome to the stage Helen Hollyman and Erin Fairbanks!

MEDIA PRESENTER:

We're going to start off this important category of food coverers, by bringing it back to the original food pornography: the printed word! OK, so most of these have great photos as well, but either way we're honoring a more traditional way to get our appetites whet, with thanks to the creators who can still keep it fresh!

In our first group of Media Awards we have:

For BEST COOKBOOK:

Gjelina - Travis Lett

Hot Bread Kitchen - Jessamyn Waldman Rodriguez

Koreatown: A Cookbook - Deuki Hong and Matt Rodbard

The Food Lab- J. Kenji Lopez-Alt

Zahav- Michael Solomon

For BEST FOOD LITERATURE BOOK:

32 Yolks - Eric Ripert with Veronica Chambers

Rice Noodle Fish - Matt Goulding and Nathan Thornburgh

Something to Food About - Questlove and Ben Greenman

The Farm on the Roof - Anastasia Cole Plakias

Bread, Wine, Chocolate: The Slow Loss of Foods We Love

- Simran Sethi

The Jemima Code - Toni Tipton-Martin

For BEST MAGAZINE OR ZINE:

Bon Appetit

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MEDIA PRESENTER: (cont'd)

Cherry Bombe
 Food & Wine
 Lucky Peach
 Saveur

For BEST FOOD ARTICLE:

Are You Eating Frankenfish? - Tom Colicchio
 Eddie Huang on the Oppressive Whiteness of the Food
 World - Eddie Huang
 Edna Lewis and the Black Roots of American Cooking -
 Francis Lam
 Farm To Fable - Laura Reilly
 What It's Like to Work at the Waffle House for 24 Hours
 Straight - Andrew Knowlton

And the winners are:_____.

DJ play music

Winners go onstage to accept awards

MEDIA PRESENTER:

Hot damn, are you horny--I mean hungry, yet?! Well, if words on a page aren't enough to get you going perhaps you'd prefer some Bourdain bedroom eyes? Our next group of media nominees brings the food world to life on our many devices. Whether it's through our eyeballs or earbuds, they keep us delighted, entertained, and salivating.

Our next group of nominees includes:

For BEST FOOD TELEVISION OR WEB SERIES:

Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown
 Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern
 Chef's Table
 Mind of a Chef
 Cooked
 Fuck That's Delicious

For BEST CULINARY FILM OR DOCUMENTARY:

Birth of Sake
 Burnt
 City of Gold
 For Grace
 Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent

For BEST PHOTOGRAPHER:

Daniel Krieger
 Eric Wolfinger
 Evan Sung
 Huge Galdones
 Liz Clayman

For BEST RADIO SHOW OR PODCAST:

Gravy
Munchies
Radio Cherry Bombe
The Feed
The Splendid Table

And the winners are:_____.

DJ play music

Winners go onstage to accept awards

Musical Performance 2

MO:

We're taking a break from our regularly scheduled awards program to bring you some tasty music from a very food-influenced musician, that you'll recognize from the beginning of our show. For anyone familiar with our next performer, you'll know how much of a foodie this man is. From his time with Das Racist to his debut solo album entitled *Eat, Pray, Thug*, his art is littered with edible references. But he doesn't stop there. This native New Yorker raises up his communities, by shining a light on the needs of the people through his songs. We're honored to have him with us tonight, so please show your fandom for Heems!

PERFORMANCE BY HEEMS

VIDEO: ACADEMY VIDEO CONTENT 3 [30 SECONDS]

MEDIA AWARDS SEGMENT PART 2

MO:

(offstage)

I'm still recovering from the magic of Heems, and I don't want you to see me like this, so instead please welcome back Helen & Erin for our final media awards!

MEDIA PRESENTER 2:

Actually, I think Mo's just too ashamed to come out as we've found out he's not on SnapChat and so we didn't think it would be appropriate for him to be involved with this group tech savvy moguls and influencers.

Our final Media Nominees are:

For BEST FOOD MEDIA WEBSITE:

Eater
Food52
Lucky Peach
Serious Eats
Tasting Table

For BEST CULINARY BLOG:

Afroculinaria
Gastronomista
Local Milk
Smitten Kitchen
Two for the Bar

For BEST FOOD INSTAGRAM:

Chef Jacques La Merde
Daniel Krieger
EatingNYC
Munchies
The Infatuation

And the winners are:_____.

DJ play music.

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Cooking Demo

MO:

While I may not be on all the cool video apps these days, our sponsors sure are!

VIDEO: KITCHENAID VIDEO [1 MINUTE]

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MO:

Thanks to Kitchenaid, we're able to present an exciting cooking challenge from the people of Stay Hungry. In keeping with our theme of music and food, we're thrilled to present an organization that seeks to excite young people about food through hip hop. You'll see in the video that these teens worked with music as their inspiration to create the cakes that will be finished on stage as we test our judges knowledge of the topic. Take a look!

Stay Hungry Cooking Segment

VIDEO OF COOKING CHALLENGE [30 SECONDS]

Teams come out and present their cakes at the onstage kitchen While teams decorating cakes, judges compete in hip hop trivia Judges taste cakes Music comes on

RESTAURANTS & CHEFS SEGMENT PART 1

MO:

We've made it to the final half of the awards, which celebrates the people who may be seen as the most important part of our culture.

Every day, these are the people who go the extra mile to make us feel warm and welcome. They fill our bellies and our glasses. They work day in and day out to provide the finest, the freshest, the newest, the coolest and the tastiest. All in the hopes that we won't write a scathing review of them on the internet. These are the restaurants and chefs who strive to provide for us that 'third place', but often achieve higher rankings than that in our hearts and minds.

Presenting the awards for our restaurants and chefs, are a few people who know their way around a kitchen. Please welcome Chefs Roble Ali and Amanda Cohen or Flynn McGarry!

R&C PRESENTER:

We both know what it's like to get started in this industry, and we wouldn't wish it upon our worst enemy. But with all of the blood, sweat, and tears that you push through in those early days, it helps when people notice. Most of these nominees are fully callused and burned, with years of kitchen experience under their belt. The only thing new about them is their recognition. Being seen as the top of their game, especially when the competition is so fierce these days, is no small feat, and so we're overjoyed to present these awards.

The nominees for the best new chefs in their region:

For BEST NEW CHEF: EAST:

Angela Dimayuga - Mission Chinese and Mission Cantina - New York, NY

Daniela Soto Innes - Cosme - New York, NY

Fabian von Hauske & Jeremiah Stone - Wildair - New York, NY

Matthew Jennings - Townsman - Boston, MA

Missy Robbins - Lilia - Brooklyn, NY

For BEST NEW CHEF: SOUTH:

Alon Shaya - Shaya - New Orleans, LA

Ashley Christensen - Ashley Christensen Restaurants - North Carolina

Katie Button - Curate - Asheville, NC

Kwame Onwuachi - The Shaw Bijou - Washington D.C.

Ryan Poli - The Catbird Seat - Nashville, TN

For BEST NEW CHEF: WEST:

David Barzelay - Lazy Bear - San Francisco, CA
 Gabriel Rucker - Little Bird Bistro - Portland, OR
 Jessica Koslow - Squirl - Los Angeles, CA
 Joshua McFadden - Ava Gene's - Portland, OR
 Ravi Kapur - Liholiho Yacht Club - San Francisco, CA

For BEST NEW CHEF: NORTH:

Beverly Kim - Parachute - Chicago, IL
 Curtis Duffy - Grace - Chicago, IL
 Iliana Regan - Elizabeth - Chicago, IL
 Lee Wolen - Boka Restaurant - Chicago, IL
 Sarah Gruenenberg - Monteverde - Chicago, IL

And the winners are:_____.

DJ play music

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R&C PRESENTER:

While the today's chefs have been thrust into the spotlight unlike ever before, and deservedly so, there are many other things that you enjoy to put into your mouth on a night out. I'm talking dessert and drinks people! Get your minds out of the gutter! These nominees know their way around the sweet and boozy, better than anyone in the country!

The nominees for OUTSTANDING PASTRY CHEF:

Belinda Leong - b.patisserie - San Francisco, CA
 Christina Tosi - Milk Bar - New York, NY
 Dominique Ansel - Dominique Ansel - New York, NY
 Jennifer Yee - Lafayette - New York, NY
 Mindy Segal - Hot Chocolate - Chicago, IL

And for OUTSTANDING BAR PROGRAM:

Amor y Amargo - New York, NY
 Clover Club - New York, NY
 Clyde Common - Portland, OR
 Maison Premiere - Brooklyn, NY
 The Broken Shaker - Chicago, IL/Miami, FL

And the winners are: _____.

DJ play music

Winners go onstage to accept awards

R&C PRESENTER:

Of course your chefs, your bartenders, your managers, those are all individual parts of one whole operation. When you leave a great restaurant you should have a

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R&C PRESENTER: (cont'd)

full belly and a happy face. It may take a village to raise a child, and many of the teams responsible for these restaurants would tell you it's about as hard to maintain. Our hats are off to all of those who have dared to have their hospitality babies with us. And we hope to see them into adulthood!

The nominees for best new regional restaurants are:

For BEST NEW RESTAURANT: EAST:

Emmy Squared - Brooklyn, NY
 Lilia - Brooklyn, NY
 Pasquale Jones - New York, NY
 Townsman - Boston, MA
 Wildair - New York, NY

For BEST NEW RESTAURANT: SOUTH:

Death and Taxes - Raleigh, NC
 Gunshow - Atlanta, GA
 Olamaie - Austin, TX
 Shaya - New Orleans, LA
 The Grey - Savannah, GA

BEST NEW RESTAURANT: WEST:

Bird Dog - Palo Alto, CA
 Coquine - Portland, OR
 Lazy Bear - San Francisco, CA
 Salare - Seattle, WA
 The Whale Wins - Seattle, WA

BEST NEW RESTAURANT: NORTH:

Mabel's BBQ - Cleveland, OH
 Monteverde - Chicago, IL
 Oriole - Chicago, IL
 Parachute- Chicago, IL
 Spoon and Stable - Minneapolis, MN
 Ryan Poli - The Catbird Seat - Nashville, TN

And the winners are: _____.

DJ play music

Winners go onstage to accept awards

VIDEO: ACADEMY VIDEO CONTENT PART 4

CULINARY PIONEER SEGMENT

CULINARY PIONEER PRESENTER:

The Taste Talks Culinary Pioneer Award honors an up and coming leader in the food world -- someone that embodies the Taste Talks Food & Drink Awards values of culture, diversity and innovation. Tonight's honoree is Michael Twitty, whose love of food and history is contagious. Please watch.

VIDEO: SHORT BIO OF MICHAEL TWITTY [30 SECONDS]

INTERVIEW: PHOEBE ROBINSON INTERVIEWS MICHAEL TWITTY [5
MINUTES]

RESTAURANTS & CHEFS SEGMENT PART 2

TASTE TALKS SPEAKER:

Thanks so much to the wonderful Mo Rocca for his amazing job this evening, at our inaugural awards event. Thanks to all of our presenters, and our nominees for keeping our food world delicious! Thanks to all of you for coming out tonight, despite the fact that you could be watching sports, the debates or even 2 Broke Girls. Thanks to our sponsors: Kitchenaid, Blue Point, Abelour, Don Julio, Jackson Family Wines, and Acqua Panna/Pellegrino. We've had a blast tonight and we've got two more skilletts to toss! Please welcome Kat Kinsman?

OUTSTANDING PRESENTER:

While starting out in the culinary world is quite a challenge, maintaining a long-lasting career in it is a battle. The nominees in this category have not only kept up with the madness of a life in the kitchen, but they've made us change the way we see and experience food. They've put the experience of eating well at the forefront of our minds and have left a deep legacy in their tracks. They will be appreciated today and for the days to come for their efforts and for those of the chefs who've come up under their leadership.

The nominees for OUTSTANDING CHEF:

Alice Waters - Chez Panisse - Berkeley, CA
 April Bloomfield - The Spotted Pig - New York, NY
 David Chang - Momofuku - New York, NY
 Dominique Crenn - Atelier Crenn - San Francisco, CA
 Sean Brock - Husk - Charleston, SC

And the winner is:_____.

DJ play music

Winner goes onstage to accept award

OUTSTANDING PRESENTER:

Without the right kitchen, dining room, waitstaff, management, bar program, menus, ambiance, etc, a chef is an artist without a gallery. The restaurants in this category are nationally recognized destinations for bringing together all of the pieces that make up the perfect dining experience. And they've been doing it for years. From the perfect ingredients, to the right people, these restaurants know the equation that gets it done night after night.

The nominees for OUTSTANDING RESTAURANT:

Alinea - Chicago, IL

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OUTSTANDING PRESENTER: (cont'd)

Blue Hill at Stone Barns - Pocantico Hills, NY

Eleven Madison Park - New York, NY

Zahav - Philadelphia, PA

The French Laundry - Yountville, CA

And the winner is:_____.

DJ play music

Winner goes onstage to accept award

CLOSING

MO:

Closing remarks and announcements. [3 minutes]

DJ play music

Winners onstage for photo opps

GUESTS DEPART