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The Rising

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When **Bruce Springsteen** urged listeners to "Come on up for the rising..." he most certainly wasn't thinking of food, but that's exactly what was on the minds of the attendees at last night's Rising Stars Revue, sponsored by StarChefs. The walk-around tasting, held in the grand ballroom of the Mandarin Oriental hotel, in the Time Warner Center, was the closing event for

the annual Chef's Congress, capping three days of eye-opening seminars for serious foodies, on everything from maple syrup to mixing cocktails. Fifteen heretofore uncelebrated chefs, mixologists and restaurateurs (relatively uncelebrated anyway) were honored during the evening's festivities, and to mark the occasion, each chose a signature dish to serve to the ready and eager crowd.

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The winners (all of whom are based in New York and all of whom are chefs, unless otherwise noted) were as follows:

- Jamison Blankenship** of Morimoto
- Patrick Connolly** of Bobo
- George Mendes** of Aldea
- Jason Neroni** of 10 Downing
- Damian Sansonetti** (pictured above, middle) of Bar Boulud
- Isao Yamada** of Upstairs at Bouley
- Harold Dieterle** of Perilla
- Amanda Cohen** of Dirt Candy
- Colin Devlin** of Dumont, Dumont Burger and Dressler (restaurateur)
- Angelo Sosa** of Xie Xie
- Brooks Headley** of Del Posto (pastry chef)
- Robert Truit** of Corton (pastry chef)
- Maxwell Britton** of Freemans (mixologist)
- Orson Salicetti** of Apothéke (mixologist)
- Claire Papparazzo** of Blue Hill (sommelier)
- Brandon Kida** of Asiate (host chef)

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