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StarChefs.com 2009 Class of Boston Rising Stars—A Benefit for the Greater Boston Food Bank



The [Rising Stars Revue](#) from StarChefs.com, which visits four cities/year, recognizes up-and-coming chefs, pastry chefs, sommeliers, and mixologists from around the country that represent future leaders of the national culinary scene.

The [StarChefs Tasting Gala & Awards Ceremony](#), which takes place on November 3rd at 60 State Street, will honor these winners and provide guests with an opportunity to sample a signature dish from each chef. This event will also benefit the [Greater Boston Food Bank](#).

I'm very happy to see several of my culinary colleagues/buddies on the list!

StarChefs.com's 2009 Boston Rising Stars include:

- Chef Jamie Bissonnette {Toro}
- Chef Chris Chung {Uni}
- Chef Wil Gilson {Garden at the Cellar}
- Chef Andres Grundy {Clio}
- Chef Mike Pagliarini {Via Matta}
- Chef Chris Parsons {Catch}
- Chef Rachel Klein {Aura}
- Pastry Chef Jiho Kim {L'Espalier}
- Sommelier Theresa Paopao {Oleana}
- Bar Chef Tom Schlesinger-Guidelli {Craigie on Main}
- Restaurateur Joanne Chang {Flour, Myers + Chang}
- Restaurant Concept Award Maura Kilpatrick {Sofra}
- Community Award Louis DiBiccari {Sel de la Terre}
- Sustainability Award Richard Garcia {Tastings Wine Bar & Bistro}
- Host Chef Jodi Bernhard {Longwood Events}

Tickets are \$85 per person; \$125 VIP admission includes a private pre-event reception with vintage Nicolas Feuillatte Palmes d'Or Champagne and caviar, plus early entrance to the gala.

From the press release:

“ **WHAT:** The StarChefs.com Rising Star Revue returns to Boston for the first time since 2006. Over 70 candidates were considered via in person tastings and interviews. "Boston chefs are all about community, whether it's rallying behind a cause, helping a chef in need, or just hanging out and cooking together—the support and camaraderie there is unlike that in any other city. Our 14 Rising Stars represent the best of the next generation of chefs in the city," says Antoinette Bruno, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of StarChefs.com.

COST: General Admission – \$85 per ticket

VIP Reception – \$125 per ticket*

To purchase tickets, visit www.starchefs.com/risingstars.

*Come earlier and mingle with the honorees at the VIP Champagne & Caviar Reception, hosted by The Liberty Hotel Chef Joseph Margate, which will include Palmes d'Or Champagne from Nicolas Feuillatte and Petrossian caviar.

A portion of the Proceeds will be donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 3, 2009