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Exclusive: StarChefs announces L.A.'s 'Rising Stars'

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Culinary magazine StarChefs.com announces today its 2010 Los Angeles-San Diego Rising Stars winners in Santa Monica. StarChefs announces Rising Stars in four cities each year; former Los Angeles winners include David Lefevre of the Water Grill, mixologist Vincenzo Marianella and pastry chef Elizabeth Belkind.

This year's winners:

CHEFS

- Kuniko Yagi, Sona, Los Angeles
- Jon Shook & Vinny Dotolo, Animal, Los Angeles
- Ken Takayama, Melisse, Los Angeles
- Walter Manzke, Church & State, Los Angeles
- Rory Herrmann, Bouchon, Beverly Hills
- Diana Stavaridis, BLD, Los Angeles
- Stephan Samson & Zachary Pollack, Pizzeria Ortica, Costa Mesa
- Michael Voltaggio, The Dining Room at the Langham, Pasadena
- Jason Knibb, Nine-Ten, San Diego
- William Bradley, Addison, San Diego

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PASTRY CHEFS

- Jordan Kahn, XIV, Los Angeles
- Adrian Vasquez, Providence, Los Angeles

MIXOLOGISTS

- Julian Cox, Rivera, Los Angeles
- Eric Alperin, The Varnish, Los Angeles

SOMMELIER

- Jesse Rodriguez, Addison, San Diego
- Christopher Miller, Spago, Beverly Hills

CONCEPT

- Adam Fleischman, Umami Burger, Los Angeles

RESTAURATEURS

- Josh and Zoe Loeb, Huckleberry & Rustic Canyon, Santa Monica, CA

SUSTAINABILITY CHEF

- Ray Garcia, Fig, Santa Monica

COMMUNITY CHEF

- Roy Choi, Kogi, Los Angeles

-- Betty Hallock

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