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## StarChefs Rising Star Gala 6/16 - San Francisco



Just a little under a week away in the City by the Bay returns the StarChefs' Rising Stars Revue, Gala and Awards Ceremony hosted by [Gary Danko](#) chef de cuisine, Martin Brock. This not to be missed culinary celebration at historic Ghirardelli Square will feature the **hottest up and coming local talent of chefs, pastry chefs, mixologists and sommeliers who will treat guests to their award winning signature savory wine paired dishes, desserts and cocktails.** Attendees will be able to mingle with the Rising Stars all while sipping champagne and sampling awe inspiring dishes at the festive walk-around tasting gala adjacent to the breathtaking San Francisco waterfront.



**Thomas McNaughton, flour + water**  
*Ravioli Doppio of Pork and Pea*



**Matthew Accarrino, SPQR**  
*Bone Marrow Sformatino, Smoked Bacon and Onions*

These Rising Stars were specially selected from over 90 talented San Francisco Bay Area candidates who were considered via in-person tastings and interviews. "A new breed of young culinary professionals is defining the Bay Area dining scene, taking it beyond simply sourcing the best ingredients and championing the sustainability movement," said Antoinette Bruno, chief executive officer and editor-in-chief of [StarChefs.com](#). "They are true artisans and craftspeople."



**Maximilian DiMare, Wood Tavern (Oakland)**  
*Crispy Pork Belly with Bacon, Red Lentil Ragout, and Poached Egg*



**Melissa Chou, Pastry Chef, Aziza**  
*Crème Fraiche Panna Cotta with Plum Soup*

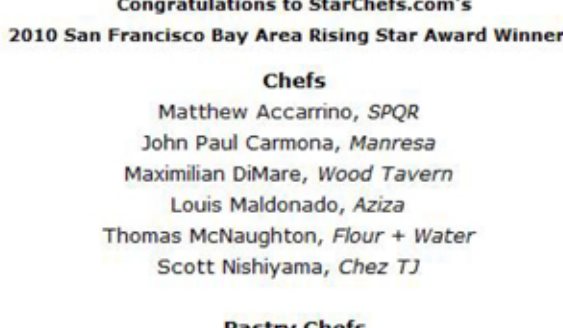
The Rising Stars Revue, Gala and Awards ceremony will be held from 7:30- 10:00 p.m. along with a private pre-event V.I.P. reception featuring overflowing champagne and Petrossian Caviar. Tickets are \$95 per person for the Rising Star Revue and \$150 per person for V.I.P. admission. A portion of the proceeds goes to La Cocina - which supports low-income women in food related businesses. Purchase tickets [HERE](#).



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*Mouillard Duck Foie Gras "Neige," Blackberry, Cashew & Housemade Mustard Toast*



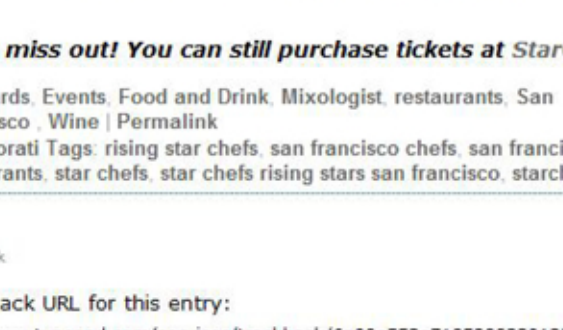
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### Congratulations to StarChefs.com's 2010 San Francisco Bay Area Rising Star Award Winners:

- Chefs**
  - Matthew Accarrino, *SPQR*
  - John Paul Carmona, *Mannesa*
  - Maximilian DiMare, *Wood Tavern*
  - Louis Maldonado, *Aziza*
  - Thomas McNaughton, *Flour + Water*
  - Scott Nishiyama, *Chez TJ*
- Pastry Chefs**
  - Melissa Chou, *Aziza*
  - Catherine Schimenti, *MICHAEL MINA*
- Mixologists**
  - Erick Castro, *Rickhouse*
  - Brian MacGregor, *Jardinière*
- Sommelier**
  - Sarah Valor, *Commis*
- Concept**
  - Joshua Skenes, *Saison*
- Restaurateur**
  - Shelley Lindgren, *A16 and SPQR*
- Hotel Chef**
  - Josh Thomsen, *The Claremont Hotel Club & Spa*

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