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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE BEST CHEF AWARDS 2019

Chef Björn Frantzén wins the Top100, followed by chef Joan Roca and chef David Muñoz

Barcelona, September 24, 2019 - Tonight the results of The Best Chef Awards 2019 have been announced at the gala evening at the University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. In the presence of guests from all over the world chef Björn Frantzén won The Best Chef Top100 Award powered by Barilla, followed by chef Joan Roca (winner of two previous editions) in second and chef David Muñoz in third place. The 2019-list includes chefs from 24 countries worldwide and features 15 new names, among which Disfrutar makes the biggest jump.

The winners of The Best Chef Awards 2019

The full ranking of The Best Chef Awards 2019 is available via www.thebestchefawards.com. The most prestigious awards went to familiar faces, as well as several newcomers.

- **The Best Chef Top100 Award powered by Barilla winner: Björn Frantzén of restaurant Frantzén in Stockholm, Sweden**. The second place was for Joan Roca (Spain), who won the award in 2017 and 2018, the third place went to David Muñoz (Spain). Last year, Björn Frantzén took the fourth place after David Muñoz (third place), René Redzepi (second place) and Joan Roca (first place).

- **The Best Chef City Gourmet Award winner: Disfrutar with Mateu Casañas, Oriol Castro and Eduard Xatruch (Barcelona, Spain)**. This category award recognized the best chef and restaurant in the host city of the yearly award show.

- **The Best Chef Rising Star Award winner: Pía León of restaurant Kjolle in Lima, Peru**. This young chef won this award as an appreciation for her talent and progress in the world of gastronomy.

- **The Best Chef Fol-LOVERS Award winner: Grégoire Berger of restaurant Ossiano in Dubai**. It is already the second year in a row for Grégoire Berger to win this award, that was introduced in 2018 to value the opinion of the audience of The Best Chef's followers on social media.

- **The Best Chef Pastry Award winner: Jordi Roca of restaurant El Cellar de Can Roca in Girona, Spain**.

- **The Best Chef Food Art Award winner: Daniel Watkins of restaurant St Leonards in London, UK**. This award is dedicated to the Best Artist among all chefs.

- **The Best Chef New Entry Award winner**: **Disfrutar with Mateu Casañas, Oriol Castro and Eduard Xatruch, in Barcelona, Spain**. This category award honours the chef(s) who achieved the highest ranking amongst the new candidates.

- **The Best Chef Voted by Chefs Award winner**: **Grant Achatz of restaurant Alina in Chicago, USA.** This award is dedicated to chef mostly voted by other chefs.

- **The Best Chef Legend Award winner**: **Eckart Witzigmann.** This category award celebrates the best chef who is not active in the kitchen as a chef anymore, but who still has a crucial impact on the world of gastronomy.

Awards from the heart of the gastronomic community

The Best Chef Awards, with its exclusive character, is highly influential in the culinary world thanks to their network of the world's best chefs and social media influence. They currently boast over 1,2 million followers who also contribute to the voting process. The chefs are awarded based on their skills and everything it represents to be The Best Chef; Therefore, the chefs are awarded as an individual and not by restaurant. To award a chef's accomplishments, inspiring new talent and getting new talent recognized by their peers igniting creativity all over the world with their followers or "fol-LOVERS" as The Best Chef like to say, is the mission of The Best Chef.

Voting by peers

Each year 100 new chefs are selected by The Best Chef's collaborators and added to the previous year's Top100 list. Next, all included chefs begin to vote for their peers. The chefs have 10 choices, counting for 1000 points to 100 points, in order to decide who will be the last 100 chef finalists.

They vote for the chef as a person, recognizing his talent, experience, potential as well as his personality. Afterwards culinary professionals, photographers, artists, and fol-LOVERS can vote for their favourite chefs in the Top100 list. The culinary professionals vote via a secured survey. In the last stage of the voting procedure the fol-LOVERS can vote via the web page of The Best Chef.

A global award gala

The awards gala is a global event with chefs from all over the world, travelling from the United States, Mexico, the United Arab Emirates, Japan and from all over Europe for the hottest culinary gala. This year, the chefs attended The Best Chef Awards Gala at the University of Barcelona. Chef Joan Roca (El Celler de Can Roca, Girona, Spain), who won The Best Chef Award in 2017 and 2018, served an exquisite dinner after the Awards Gala.

For requests for interviews, more information, imagery or other enquiries, do not hesitate to contact us.

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About The Best Chef

The Best Chef is a new concept, which was born in 2015. It presents the "Haute Cuisine" world through digital and social marketing platform, positioning and imposing itself into the digital world as one of the first groups dedicated to serving only the greatest of chefs. The Best Chef strategy and close contacts with the followers resulted in more than **1.2 million social media followers**, mainly in **Europe, Asia and the United States**.

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