

Star Chefs in San Francisco, Open House at Sunset in Menlo Park & More



In San Francisco:

Get up close and personal with the Bay Area's "Rising Star Chefs," 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 16, at Ghirardelli Square.

[StarChefs.com](#), the online culinary magazine, will be showcasing its picks for this year's rising star chefs at this walk-around tasting event, featuring savory dishes, desserts and cocktails created by their top toques.

StarChefs.com chooses only four cities each year in which to pick its rising star chefs. More than 90 Bay Area chefs, sommeliers and mixologists were considered before the list was narrowed to these winners:

Chefs:

Matthew Accarrino, [SPQR](#)
John Paul Carmona, [Manresa](#)
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, [Jardiniere](#)

Sommelier:

Sarah Valor, [Commis](#)

Concept:

Joshua Skenes, [Saison](#)

Restaurateur:

Shelley Lindgren, [A16](#) and [SPQR](#)

Hotel Chef:

Josh Thomsen, [Claremont Hotel Club & Spa](#)

Tickets are \$95 per person. VIP tickets include a pre-reception with champagne and [Petrossian](#) caviar. A portion of proceeds will go to [La Cocina](#), a San Francisco organization that assists low-income entrepreneurs in developing food-related businesses.

