

Jason Neroni Finally Catches a Rising Star

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Jason Neroni never won that James Beard Rising Star Chef of the Year award he so memorably petitioned for, but congrats are in order — StarChefs has just named the 10 Downing toque a 2009 New York

Rising Star along with Jamison Blankenship ([Morimoto](#)), George Mendes ([Aldea](#)), Damian Sansonetti ([Bar Boulud](#)), Isao Yamada ([Upstairs at Bouley](#)), and Patrick Connolly ([Bobo](#)). For the specialized honorees, see below.

Community Award: Harold Dieterle ([Perilla](#))

Sustainability Award: Amanda Cohen ([Dirt Candy](#))

Restaurateur Award: Colin Devlin ([Dressler](#), [DuMont](#), [DuMont Burger](#))

Restaurant Concept Award: Angelo Sosa ([Xie Xie](#))

Pastry Chef: Robert Truitt ([Corton](#))

Pastry Chef: Brooks Headley ([Del Posto](#))

Mixologist: Orson Salicetti ([Apothéke](#))

Mixologist: Maxwell Britten ([Freemans](#))

Sommelier: Claire Papparazzo ([Blue Hill](#))

Host Chef: Brandon Kida ([Asiate](#))

The awards ceremony, hosted by Chef Brandon Kida of [Asiate](#), will be held on September 22. There will also be a private event hosted by [Le Cirque](#) paterfamilias Sirio Maccioni and his chef Craig Hopson. You can get tickets [here](#).

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