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Starchefs Rising Stars



Starchefs Gala in Santa Monica Vicky Wasik

Last night's [Starchef rising stars](#) drew a sold out crowd to the chilly front courtyard of [The Fairmont Miramar in Santa Monica](#). John Sedler and Neal Fraser mingled at the food tables while Thomas Keller signed a fellow chef's jacket with a cigar in his mouth - it was that kind of night. A big draw was Walter Manzke who just left [Church & State](#) but was there smiling and serving his signature bone marrow. We asked the chef if he's sticking to French cuisine for his new venture. "I was trained and cooked in France, after [Bastide](#) and this (Church & State), it's in my blood." Will he be staying downtown? "I like downtown he said with a sly grin." As long as we can get more roasted bone marrow, fine by us. Also on hand were the [favorite duo of Animal](#) Vinny Dotolo and Jon Shook serving up Canadian specialty poutine with oxtail, gravy and cheddar. Unfortunately, the plans they had for a pop-up restaurant venture in London were snuffed when the venue burned down. "We'll do some more pop-up restaurants around LA," Vinny assured. Jordan Kahn also just fresh from leaving [XIV](#) befuddled the crowd with a work-of-art pastry in the form of an alabaster square cake, drizzle with violet 'ink' atop another alabaster tile that served as the dish - which also won the top prize for best dish. Plans are in the works for Kahn to open another venture in West Hollywood soon. Adam Fleischman's table served [mini-umami burgers](#), and yes, there was a long line. After the long-awaited Fred Segal Santa Monica outpost opens, he will move on to another non-burger concept. David Meyer proudly introduced his [chef at Sona](#), [Kuniko Yagi](#), whose whole family flew in from Tokyo for the event. Her seared foie gras Okinawa black sugar and green tea mochi was highly praised at the fete.

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