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Accarrino, Skenes, and MacNaughton Honored as StarChefs Rising Stars

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Flour + Water's MacNaughton gets a nod.

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It's a season of lists! And this one may not be quite as prestigious as the *Food & Wine* Best New Chefs or the Beard Awards — which are coming up on May 3, by the way — but [StarChefs.com](#) does their own Rising Star Awards recognizing chefs, pastry chefs, sommeliers, restaurateurs, and mixologists. Each year, they dole out prizes and host a Rising Stars Revue in a different group of cities, and San Francisco hasn't been in the mix since 2007.

This year's list includes a number of multiply honored names, including a couple of *Chron* Rising Stars (Manresa's John Paul Carmona, and Saison's Josh Skenes, who falls in the 'Concept' category). Scott Nishiyama gets some early recognition for his four-month stint at *Chez TJ*. And we're happy to see the very knowledgeable and friendly Sarah Valor be recognized for her work as sommelier at *Commis* — chef James Syhabout, a recent *F&W* honoree, got this nod in 2007.

Below, the full list of 2010 Rising Stars. If you want to attend the Revue on June 16, [get tickets here](#).

Chefs

- Matthew Accarrino, [SPQR](#)
- John Paul Carmona, [Manresa](#)
- Maximilian DiMare, [Wood Tavern](#)
- Louis Maldonado, [Aziza](#)
- Thomas MacNaughton, [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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