

## Minneapolis' Tim McKee is named Best Chef: Midwest

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...and congrats to all.



Tim McKee

**Steve Rice, Jm -**

Minnesota finally has a winner at the Oscars of the food world.

**Tim McKee** of La Belle Vie in Minneapolis was named Best Chef: Midwest at the James Beard Foundation Awards on Monday night in New York City. "It's a great time for Minneapolis," he told the black-tie crowd, referring to fellow Minneapolis nominees **Alex Roberts** of Restaurant Alma and **Isaac Becker** of 112 Eatery.

"Women in Food" was the theme of this year's Beard awards -- named after the food writer who died in 1985 -- although most of the awards went to men. Women finished well in the dessert and cookbook categories.

**Gina DePalma** was named the country's best pastry chef for her work at Babbo in Manhattan; **Jennifer McLagan's** "Fat: An Appreciation of a Misunderstood Ingredient, With Recipes" won cookbook of the year. **Ella Brennan**, of the Commander's Palace family of restaurants in New Orleans, was given the lifetime achievement award.

Actor **Stanley Tucci** and chefs **Emeril Lagasse** and **Cat Cora** hosted the ceremony.

**OTHER TOP HONORS**

Restaurateur: Drew Nieporent, Myriad Restaurant Group, New York

Chef: Dan Barber, Blue Hill, New York

Restaurant: Jean Georges, Jean-Georges Vongerichten and Phil Suarez, New York

Rising Star Chef: Nate Appleman, A16, San Francisco

Outstanding Service: Daniel, Daniel Boulud, New York

**REGIONAL CHEF AWARDS**

Great Lakes: Michael Symon, Lola, Cleveland

Mid-Atlantic: Jose Garces, Amada, Philadelphia

New York: Gabriel Kreuther, The Modern, New York

Northeast: Rob Evans, Hugo's, Portland, Maine

Northwest: Maria Hines, Tilth, Seattle

Southwest: Paul Bartolotta, Bartolotta Ristorante di Mare at Wynn Las Vegas, Las Vegas

South: John Currence, City Grocery, Oxford, Miss.

Southeast: Mike Lata, Fig, Charleston, S.C.

Pacific: Douglas Keane, Cyrus, Healdsburg, Calif.

To see the full list of winners, [www.jamesbeard.org](http://www.jamesbeard.org).