



James Beard Foundation honors 'beloved' local restaurants with America's Classics: See who won

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Only a handful of establishments will be able to boast for the rest of the year that their cuisine reigns supreme.

The America's Classics Award, which is presented annually by the James Beard Foundation, is given to "locally owned restaurants that serve quality food, have timeless appeal, and reflect the character of their communities," according to a written statement by the foundation.

The 2024 honorees "join the ranks of more than 100 restaurants across the country that have received the Award since the category was introduced in 1998," according to the James Beard Foundation.

America's Classics Award is one of a number of James Beard Foundation awards given out over the year to "recognize exceptional talent and achievement in the culinary arts, hospitality, media, and broader food system."

"The America's Classics Award showcases the beloved independent restaurants that have been integral to American food culture across cities big and small. It is an honor to recognize this year's winners that emulate the spirit of their communities, while also setting a commendable standard for our entire industry," said restaurant and chef awards subcommittee co-chairs Lauren Saria and Allecia Vermillion.

The America's Classics Award winners will be honored alongside other James Beard Foundation winners at Lyric Opera of Chicago, a historic performing arts center on June 10.

Here are the 2024 America's Classics Award recipients.