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## **FOOD & WINE MAGAZINE NAMES BEST NEW CHEFS IN AMERICA 2008**

**—Magazine Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting Rising Culinary Stars—**

**—Two from Chicago, Two Women & Chef at a Vegetarian Restaurant Win—**

New York, NY (April 3, 2008) – Who are America's next superstar chefs? *Food & Wine* Editor in Chief Dana Cowin today announced the magazine's highest honor, the **Food & Wine Best New Chef** award, for 2008. This highly coveted award, launched in 1988, identifies up-and-coming chefs in America who are innovators with a distinct culinary style and vision creating exceptionally delicious food. The 2008 winners will be featured on the cover in the July issue and profiled as part of a 20<sup>th</sup>-anniversary package on [foodandwine.com/2008-best-new-chefs](http://foodandwine.com/2008-best-new-chefs).

"*Food & Wine* has been scouting extraordinary chefs for the past two decades, and I expect this year's winners to make us as proud as any of the chefs who have preceded them," says Cowin. "These great cooks come from all around America, from California to Missouri to Vermont, and I'm excited to introduce them to a national audience. They are incredible talents."

### **2008 F&W Best New Chefs**

- **Jim Burke** *James*, Philadelphia, PA
- **Gerard Craft** *Niche*, St. Louis, MO
- **Tim Cushman** *O Ya*, Boston, MA
- **Jeremy Fox** *Ubuntu*, Napa, CA
- **Koren Grieveson** *Avec*, Chicago, IL
- **Michael Psilakis** *Anthos*, New York, NY
- **Ethan Stowell** *Union*, Seattle, WA
- **Giuseppe Tentori** *Boka*, Chicago, IL
- **Eric Warnstedt** *Hen of the Wood*, Waterbury, VT
- **Sue Zemanick** *Gautreau's*, New Orleans, LA

The winners will be fêted tonight at a party in New York City. Twenty former *F&W* Best New Chefs, including **Daniel Boulud, Tom Colicchio, Wylie Dufresne, Dan**

**Barber** and **Todd English**, will be creating signature dishes and Level™ Vodka cocktails in honor of the milestone anniversary.

In addition to the 20 former *F&W* Best New Chefs, Hung Huynh, winner of the third season of “Top Chef” on Bravo, will also be preparing tastings for the celebration. Sponsors of the evening are Beringer, Chrysler, FIJI, and Level. Special thanks to Kerrygold and Riedel.

The 2008 *F&W* Best New Chefs will prepare an exclusive tasting dinner at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual *Food & Wine* Classic in Aspen, June 13 to 15.

The *F&W* Best New Chefs are chosen as part of a six-month selection process. The magazine works with trusted restaurant critics and food writers around the country to identify outstanding chefs who have been in charge of a kitchen for less than five years. Then the editors travel, incognito, to taste the food themselves.

As America’s talent-seeking epicurean magazine, *Food & Wine* has awarded the Best New Chef title to such luminaries-in-the making as **Thomas Keller** (1988), **Nobu Matsuhisa** (1989) and **Rick Bayless** (1988). For a complete guide to the 20 years of *F&W* Best New Chefs, visit [foodandwine.com/bestnewchefs](http://foodandwine.com/bestnewchefs).

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