

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

James Beard Awards 2007

Outstanding Chef: MICHEL RICHARD

Outstanding Wine Service: MICHEL RICHARD CITRONELLE SOMMELIER MARK SLATER

**Michel Richard**, exemplifying the art of cuisine, and a love of his profession, is honored by the James Beard Foundation as **Outstanding Chef 2007**. In addition, **Michel Richard Citronelle**, his flagship restaurant in Washington, DC, took home the award for **Outstanding Wine Service** by Sommelier Mark Slater.

On Monday May 7, 2007 the James Beard Foundation Awards Ceremonies were held at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall in New York City, hosted by CBS Early Show anchor Hannah Storm, and were followed by a Gala reception on the terrace, dedicated to "Celebrating the Art of American Food".

The James Beard Foundation Awards are America's most prestigious honors for culinary professionals, recognizing excellence and achievement. In more than 60 categories of cookbooks, restaurants and chefs, design and graphics, broadcast media, journalism, and achievement, the awards are voted on by a group of over 600 industry peers.

Michel Richard's list of professional honors is great. They include several other *James Beard Awards* and nominations, and *Best Fine Dining Restaurant* and *Chef of the Year* by the *Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington*. Citronelle is repeatedly the recipient of *Exxon Mobile Four Star* and *AAA Four Diamond Award* awards.

Michel regularly lends his creativity to prestigious culinary publications, such as *Food & Wine*, *Food Arts*, *Saveur*, *Bon Appetit*, *Wine Spectator*, and the *Wine Advocate*, and is often featured in major regional publications such as the *Washingtonian*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Times*, and *L.A. Times*, among others. *Gourmet*, has listed Michel Richard Citronelle as one of the *Top 20 Restaurants in the Country*, and in October of 2004 put Michel's photo on the front cover, an unprecedented honor.

Michel has been featured on many television and radio shows nationally, and internationally. These appearances include Martha Stewart, Julia Child, *Good Morning America*, *Food Network*, *The Outdoor Living Channel*, PBS, CBS Early Show, NPR *Morning Edition*, NPR *Splendid Tables*, Washington DC TV9, French TV *TF1*, PBS' *Colameco's Food Show*, and a Canadian TV series *Relais Gourmands*.

Michel is the author of two books, *Home Cooking with a French Accent* published in 1993, and the 2007 James Beard and 2007 IACP nominated, *Happy in the Kitchen*, published by Artisan.