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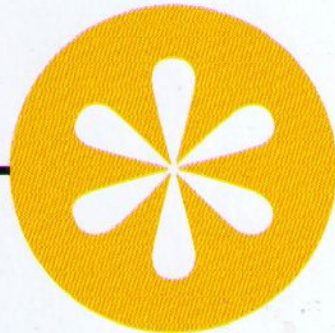
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BEST OF 425 2011

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The annual Best of 425 issue, now in its third year, is full of local picks. This comprehensive list includes readers' choices of everything from favorite restaurants and places to shop to pet stores, parks and more. Need a remodeler? How about a place to buy furniture? Or a hot new restaurant to take someone from out of town? Use this list as a resource, or as a topic of conversation amongst friends ("What are *your* favorites on the Eastside?" "I can't believe *they* won this year." "They have the *best* sushi on the Eastside, hands down.") Did your favorite make the list? If not, be sure to champion their cause and vote for them in next year's Best of 425. Without further ado, we present to you the Best of 425. Enjoy! »



BEST CHEF

John Howie

John Howie Steak, The Bravern, Bellevue, johnhowiesteak.com and Seastar Restaurant and Raw Bar, 205 108th Ave. N.E., Suite 100, Bellevue; seastarrestaurant.com

Chef John Howie has been a highly regarded name in the Seattle and Eastside culinary scene for years. One of the reasons is that he stands by his core values in every restaurant he has run: unexpected hospitality and value — every guest, every time. He excels at dining experiences that shine for his guests, both on the plate and in the atmosphere and service. Runners Up: Holly Smith, Café Juanita; Bradley Dickinson, Pearl Bar & Dining

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Best Kid-Friendly Restaurant

RED ROBIN

multiple locations, redrobin.com

Word has hit the playground. With about a dozen burgers to choose from, in addition to other sandwiches, a kids menu, and yummy shakes and sundaes, Red Robin is the dining choice of discerning kids. Of course, parents love it, too.

RUNNERS UP: Zeeks Pizza and Chuck E. Cheese, multiple locations

Best Pizza

PAGLIACCI PIZZA

multiple locations, pagliacci.com

Besides delectable pizza that has a long history of accolades, lots of factors make Pagliacci Pizza a winner: a genuine commitment to green practices, seasonal toppings celebrating what's fresh and local, a crowd-pleasing menu, the convenience of catering services, and pizza boxes that pay homage to the company's local purveyors. What's not to love?

RUNNERS UP: Zeeks Pizza, multiple locations; MOD Pizza, Bellevue

Best Vegetarian

TEAPOT VEGETARIAN HOUSE

15230 N.E. 24th St., Redmond, teapotvegetarianhouse.com

Teapot Vegetarian House's all-vegan menu proves that eating healthy tastes great. The owners are committed to promoting healthy diets and this passion comes through in each palate-pleasing pan-Asian dish they serve. Their menu of more than 70 vegan recipes delivers plenty of variety and flavor, and has people coming back to this Redmond restaurant for more.

RUNNER UP: Bastyr University Dining Commons, Kirkland

Best New Restaurant

MILAGRO CANTINA

148 Lake St. S., Kirkland, milagrocantina.com

Milagro Cantina's menu is a culinary tour of authentic Mexican cuisine. The dishes of