

2017 James Beard Award Winners: Le Coucou in New York City Is Named Best New Restaurant



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While fashion folk were celebrating Rei Kawakubo at the [Met Gala in New York](#), those among us who love all things food and drink—alcoholic or otherwise—kept an eye on everything going on at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, where the [James Beard Award](#) winners were being announced.

And New York is this year's big winner, with three wins out of the 11 major awards. (New Orleans took two; while Washington, D.C., Seattle, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Milton, DE took one each.) This year's "Best New Restaurant" went to Daniel Rose's Le Coucou at 11 Howard—a hotel in New York City's SoHo neighborhood. Blue Hill at Stone Barns took home the honor of "Outstanding Service." Ghaya Oliveira, from Daniel, is "Outstanding Pastry Chef." And because Stephen Starr, this year's "Outstanding Restaurateur," is behind Le Coucou, Budakkan, Clocktower, and Upland—New York can (technically) take credit for that too.



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Le Coucou in New York City's 11 Howard Hotel is this year's best new restaurant.