

Bartosz Budzyński of Brovaria is Wielkopolska Chef of the Year



Bartosz Budzyński of Brovaria restaurant has won the title of Wielkopolska Chef of the Year. The victory in this contest qualifies Bartosz to take part in Poland's most prestigious culinary contest, Poland Culinary Cup, in the fall of this year. Bartosz is one of the most experienced young chefs in the country. He is the only Pole to take part in the most prestigious culinary contest of the world - Bocuse d'Or - three times.

Wielkopolska Chef of the Year, which took place on June 20th in Poznań, is dedicated to young chefs. As many other initiatives of this sort, it aims to confront young talent with one another, to introduce a bit of professional competition and to present new names, appearing on Poland's culinary map, to an audience of their peers. Culinary contests, including Wielkopolska Chef of the Year, bring together gastronomy, art and the excitement of a competition's rhythm of work and preparations for the show.



Contest participants during the awards ceremony - gala in IBB Andersia

Participants had the task of preparing six portions of a main course, using the following four ingredients: rached chicken, chicken hearts, new potatoes and red currants (known in Wielkopolska as "świętojanki" - "st. John's berries").

The winner of the contest was Bartosz Budzyński of Brovaria restaurant, located in Poznań's Stary Rynek. Bartosz is one of the most experienced young chefs in the country. He is the only Pole to take part in the most prestigious culinary contest of the world - Bocuse d'Or - three times. Bartosz has learnt and perfected his trade under the masterful guidance of such great chefs as Rafał Jelewski, Dominik Brodziak or Paweł Rozmiarek.



The dish prepared by Bartosz Budzyński - winner of the 2014 Poland Culinary Cup

The other two places on the podium were taken by Paweł Wojtysiak (Hotel Park Poznań) and Paweł Kubera (Don Giovanni Trattoria Śrem).

A full list of contestants is available at www.papaja.pl

The history of the contest

Wielkopolska Chef of the Year contest goes back to 2001, and has been organized ten times so far. Between 2011 and 2013, its organization has been temporarily suspended. In 2014, Poland's gastronomy and hotel- oriented society has revived the idea of the contest once again, dedicating it to the memory of the tragically deceased Rafał Jelewski.

Wielkopolska Chef of the Year prize winners in its ten editions were:

- 2001 - Arkadiusz Panek z Hotelu HP Park w Poznaniu
- 2002 - (brak danych)
- 2003 - Sławomir Komorniczak ABC Kuchni z Suchego Lasu
- 2004 - Roman Ratajczak z Gospody Pod Koziółkami w Poznaniu
- 2005 - Małgorzata Hoffman z Avanti w Poznaniu
- 2006 - Artur Meller z Restauracji Brovaria w Poznaniu
- 2007 - Maciej Woźniak z WTT Kortowo w Luboniu
- 2008 - Robert Echaust z Hotelu HP Park w Poznaniu
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- 2014 - Bartosz Budzyński z Hotelu Brovaria w Poznaniu