OUR FOURTH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY TO HONOR
EXCELLENCE IN THE RICHMOND REGION’S RESTAURANT COMMUNITY

The Elby Awards for Excellence in the Richmond Region’s restaurant community will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, at the VMFA. These awards will recognize winners from a list of nominees in 11 categories. More than 40 Richmond-based industry professionals, food writers, culinary instructors and past winners nominated the finalists. The winners will be selected by anonymous panels of national and regional judges who will visit the nominated restaurants. A “Studio 54”-themed gala reception will follow. Net ticket proceeds will benefit Tricycle Gardens, Slow Food and Shalom Farms.
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AND THE NOMINEES ARE:

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR (OPEN A FULL TWO YEARS AS OF NOVEMBER 2014)
Heritage • Peter Chang China Café • The Roosevelt • Stella’s

BEST NEW RESTAURANT
L’OPOSSUM • Lucy’s • Metzger Bar & Butchery • The Rogue Gentlemen

RICHMOND STALWART
Acacia Mid-town • Azzurro • Comfort • Mamma ’Zu

CHEF OF THE YEAR
Walter Bundy of Lemaire • Dylan Fultineer of Rappahannock
Lee Gregory of The Roosevelt • Joe Sparatta of Heritage

RISING CULINARY STAR
Brittanny Anderson of Metzger Bar & Butchery • Mike Braune of Secco/ The Roosevelt
Aaron Hoskins of The Rogue Gentlemen • DeAndre Wilson of Rappahannock

COCKTAIL PROGRAM
Heritage • The Rogue Gentlemen • The Roosevelt • Saison

WINE PROGRAM
Acacia Mid-town • Can Can • Secco Wine Bar • Tazza Kitchen

BEER PROGRAM
Brew American Gastropub • Capital Ale House • Mekong • Saison

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
Kirby Baltzegar of Dutch & Co. • Dare Jearman of Pasture
Dave Martin of Perly’s/ Millie’s Diner • Michael Verner of Heritage

PURVEYOR OF THE YEAR
Autumn Olive Farm • Manakintowne Growers • Tomten Farm • Victory Farms

INNOVATOR
Travis Croxton of Rappahannock • Evrim Dogu of Sub Rosa Bakery
Owen Lane of The Magpie • Travis Milton of Comfort