

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**15<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Neven Maguire wins Best Chef and Best Celebrity Chef at  
The Irish Restaurant Awards 2009.**

The Irish Restaurant Awards 2009 sponsored by Santa Rita / Life Magazine took place in the Burlington Hotel Dublin on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Neven Maguire cleared the boards, scooping the coveted *All Ireland Best Chef* and *Best Celebrity Chef* Awards. Nominations for the awards were made by readers of the Sunday Independent Life Magazine, members of the Restaurants Association of Ireland and the Irish Restaurant Awards Academy. The evening awards ceremony was hosted by Brendan O'Connor, and attended by 500 industry peers.

**Irish Restaurant of the Year Award 2009 winner's are:**

**Best Restaurant 2009 sponsored by Santa Rita**

Chapter One, Parnell Square Dublin 1

**Best Chef 2009 sponsored by Louis Latour**

Neven Maguire, MacNean House, Blacklion, Co Cavan

**Best Celebrity Chef 2009 sponsored by Sunday Independent Life Magazine**

Neven Maguire, MacNean House, Blacklion, Co Cavan

**Best Customer Service 2009 sponsored by Failte Ireland**

Four Seasons Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

**Best Casual Dining 2009 sponsored by Barton & Guestier**

L'Gueleton, Fade St Dublin 2

**Most Creative Use of Seafood 2009 sponsored by BIM (Bord Iascaigh Mhara)**

Fishy Fishy, Kinsale Co Cork

**Best Gastro Pub 2009 sponsored by Cobra Beer**

Stoop Your Head, Skerries Co Dublin

**Best Ethnic Restaurant 2009 sponsored by Pallas Foods**

Jaipur, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Best Wine Experience 2009 sponsored by Knappstein**

Chapter One, Parnell Square, Dublin 1

**Best Hotel Restaurant 2009 sponsored by Bookassist**

Four Seasons Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

**Best Newcomer 2009 sponsored by Perrier**

Ice House, Ballina, Co Mayo

**Best Cocktail Experience 2009 sponsored by Ketel One Vodka**

Four Seasons Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

**Best Restaurant Design 2009 sponsored by Paul Haffey Design**

Harvey Nichols, Dundrum Town Centre, Dublin.

**Best Coffee Experience 2009 sponsored by Bewleys**

Fallon & Byrne, Dublin.

**Best Practise in Energy Management 2009 sponsored by Calor Gas**

The Westin Hotel, Dublin.

**Best Restaurant Website 2009 sponsored by METEOR**

Ilia Tapas & more, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

**Winners in each regional category were as follows:**

**Best Restaurant**

Chapter One	Dublin
Campagne	Leinster
The Tannery	Munster
MacNean House	Ulster
Lisloughrey Lodge	Connaught

**Best Chef**

Neven Maguire	Ulster
Stephane Matz	Connaught
Ross Lewis	Dublin
Kevin Dundon	Leinster
Paul Flynn	Munster

**Best Customer Service**

Four Seasons Hotel	Dublin
Lisloughrey Lodge	Connaught
Wineport Lodge	Leinster
Park Hotel	Munster
MacNean Bistro	Ulster

**Best Casual Dining**

L'Gueleton	Dublin
Avoca	Leinster
Farmgate	Munster
Mourne Seafood Bar	Ulster
McDonaghs	Connaught

**Best Gastro Pub**

Stoop Your Head	Dublin
The Ballymore Inn	Leinster
Finins	Munster
Café Merlot	Ulster
The Pins, Twelve Hotel	Connaught

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