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BARTENDERS SOCIETY 2019 - SUMMER CHEN (SINGAPORE) Big Winner Of This 4th EDITION

After Two Days Of INTENSE COMPETITION

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USPA NEWS - A Bartender (also known as a Barkeep, Barman, Barmaid, Bar Chef, Tapster, Mixologist, Alcohol Server, Flairman or an Alcohol Chef) is a Person who formulates and serves Alcoholic or Soft Drink Beverages behind the Bar, usually in a Licensed Establishment. Bartenders also usually maintain the Supplies and Inventory for the Bar. Bartenders are also usually Responsible for confirming that Customers meet the Legal Drinking Age Requirements before serving them Alcoholic Beverages. In certain Countries, such as Canada, the United Kingdom, and Sweden, Bartenders are legally required to refuse more Alcohol to Drunk Customers.

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Historically, Bartending was a Profession with a Low Reputation. It was perceived through the Lens of Ethical Issues and Various Legal Constraints related to the Serving of Alcohol. The Pioneers of Bartending as a Serious Profession appeared in the 19th Century. "Professor" Jerry Thomas established the Image of the Bartender as a Creative Professional. Harry Johnson wrote a Bartending Manual and established the First Bar Management Consulting Agency. At the turn of the 20th Century, slightly less than Half the Bartenders in London were Women, such as Ada Coleman. "Barmaids", as they were called, were usually the Daughters of Tradesmen or Mechanics or, occasionally, Young Women from the "Better-Born" Classes who had been "thrown upon their Own Resources" and needed an Income.

The Bartending Profession was generally a Second Occupation, used as Transitional Work for Students to gain Customer Experience or to save Money for University Fees. The Reason for this is because Bartenders in Tipping Countries such as Canada and the United States, can make Significant Money from their Tips. This View of Bartending as a Career is changing around the World, however, and Bartending has become a Profession by Choice rather than Necessity.

Winning Cocktail Competitions is one of the Fastest Ways to become well known as a Skilled Bartender / Mixologist. It can open the Door to Tons of Career and Consulting Opportunities ““ from Private Consulting Gigs to Jobs as Prestigious as Brand Ambassadorships. Like all Human History, that of American Drink-Mixing if full of Change. We often speak of Drinks having been changed or dated-up by Innovative Bar-Tenders. But, the Big Changes have often been Broad and Cultural “• and sometimes Technological. These Changes or Shifts have often affected how we think and talk about Drinks more than they have changed the Constituent Nature of the Drinks, themselves.

For this 4th Edition, "The Bartenders Society" organized in Paris the First International Cocktails & Soft Cocktails Contest, with the Announce of a New Member on the Team, Johanna Le Pape (Experte in "PÃ¢tisserie Bien-Etre"). The Theme to be respected is "When the World of Pastry meets Mixology" for either the Cocktail or the Soft Cocktail.

- From March 1 to 30, 2019 : Pre-Selection of International Finalists
- From April 25 to 30, 2019 : Pre-Selection of 25 French Finalists
- From May 20 to 21, 2019 : International Final in PARIS with 30 French & International Finalists
- On the May 21, 2019 : the Winner of "The Bartenders Society 2019" is SUMMER CHEN from Singapore with "Bloody Summer" (Soft Cocktail) and "Spices Up" (Cocktail). The Second Position is for CESAR DEBUS (N° 1 French Winner).

During this Event, Masterclasses were presented to Finalists :

- Masterclass Chef vs Chef ““ Inspiration Mixologie / PÃ¢tisserie by Caraïbos (Johanna et Matthias)

- Workshop Tiki Time St James / Caraïbos (Scotty Shudder, Stephen Martin & Ian Burrell)
- Masterclass Low Alcohol New Generation (Diego Ferrari et Frankie Solarik)

The Jury was made of :

* Matthias GIROUD, WM Signature & Buddha Bar Group
* Ian BURRELL, Ambassadeur Rhum Monde
* René DELVINCOURT, Prssident ABF
* Stephen MARTIN, Ambassadeur Saint James
* Johanna LE PAPE, Championne du Monde des Arts Sucrés 2014
* Thomas FERNANDEZ, Winner "The Bartenders Society 2018"
* Scotty SHUDDER, Dirty Dick in Paris
* Frankie SOLARIK, Co-founder BarChef Cocktail Bar
* Diego FERRARI, Founder Facebook page Cocktails Art
* Thanos PRUNARUS, Baba au Rhum inAthens

Source : International Mixology Final Contest @ Ecole De Cuisine Jean Ducasse (Paris - France) held on May 21, 2019.
Eight Participating Countries : France, Italy, Benelux, Canada, Singapore, Israel, Greece et Czech Republic with 27 Finalist Contestants selected for the Final Award "the Golden Shaker". The Award was a Combination of Votes from the Jury & Public.
The Finalists on May 21, were :
* Mutis Cathy (France) with "Relai Des Gones" (Cocktail) & "Passionnément" (Soft Cocktail)
* Bodin Clément (France) with "Au Coeur De l'Exotisme" (Cocktail) & "La Madeleine Japonaise" (Soft Cocktail)
* Debus César (France) with "Nathalie & César" (Cocktail) & "L'Agrume De Mon Enfance" (Soft Cocktail)
* Summer Chen (Singapore) with "Spice Up" (Cocktail) & "Bloody Summer" (Soft Cocktail)

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