

GOLDEN
CHOPSTICKS
AWARDS 2024



Oh what a night!

We were thrilled to have so many of you at
The Golden Chopsticks Awards 2024
after yet another difficult year for our industry to

celebrate the best of the UK's East & South East Asian food scene on Monday 29th April 2024 at our fantastic new venue.

In 2018 we launched the first Golden Chopsticks Awards (GCAs) in the UK. The event was extremely well received and as our head judge, Ken Hom CBE, commented "it has set the standard" for food awards in this sector. The mission of the awards was to acknowledge the enormous contribution of East & South East Asian cuisines to the UK catering industry and champion those who work within it.

When we launched The GCAs, we knew that we were creating a world-class event that was much needed to honour and recognise the talent in this industry. We continue to be truly humbled by the warmth and positivity of the feedback we've received over the years and in particular the huge enthusiasm for this year's event. We are extremely proud to be celebrating our fifth Golden Chopsticks Awards, which is only made possible each year by the generous support of our sponsors and our esteemed panel of judges.

Well done to each and every deserving finalist and congratulations to our amazing winners!

Gok Wan MBE, Lucy Mitchell & Sarah Lewis - Co-founders, The Golden Chopsticks Awards

Stuart Herrington, Head of Account Management, Just Eat UK said: "We would like to congratulate all of the winners and finalists of this year's Golden Chopsticks Awards. At Just Eat, we believe that local restaurants play a crucial role in our communities. We're therefore honoured to support a platform that not only celebrates the very best East and South East Asian food across the UK, but that also celebrates the people working hard behind the scenes. These awards acknowledge all of their efforts and hard work over a challenging few years."



WIN 1 of 3 amazing prizes!

1 winner will receive a £150 voucher for a Golden Chopsticks winning restaurant, a 24 pack of Kirin Ichiban beer and merch!

2 lucky winners will receive a 24 pack of Kirin Ichiban beer!

Read the caption to find out how to enter

GIVEAWAY ALERT!



To celebrate Kirin Ichiban's sponsorship of the Golden Chopsticks Awards, they are hosting a fantastic giveaway to win 1 of 3 amazing prizes!

1 winner will receive a £150 voucher to use at a Golden Chopsticks award winning restaurant of their choice, a 24 pack of Kirin Ichiban beer and merch! 2 winners will receive a 24 pack of Kirin Ichiban beer.

Here's how to enter:



Head over to Instagram and make sure you're following @kirinichibanuk and the @thegoldenchopsticksawards



Tag a friend you'd love to share the prize with the comments!

The competition is closing soon, so you have a day left to enter! Please note, that you'll only ever be notified of a win from this the Kirin account, so please beware of any fraudulent activity.

Good luck!

To find out more about Kirin Ichiban, please contact kirinichiban@carlsbergmarstons.co.uk





We are so proud that this year, we received 42,666 votes and more restaurants than ever were nominated. On the night we had some of the biggest and most influential names in the industry in attendance and we believe this is by far the most important annual gathering of chefs and restaurateurs in the East and South-East Asian food community.

We are delighted to, finally, be able to announce our fantastic winners

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

We are extremely proud of The Golden Chopsticks Awards, which we could not host without the generous support of all our sponsors and our esteemed panel of judges.



The Golden Chopsticks Awards Founders and Judges

Pictured L-R Karen Barnes, Jeremy Pang, Thuy Diem Pham, Lord Sonny Leong CBE,
Ken Hom CBE, Ping Coombes, Andy Clarke, Fuchsia Dunlop

Our Judges

Head Judge Ken Hom CBE, Simon Rimmer, Jeremy Pang, Fuchsia Dunlop, Karen Barnes,
Lord Sonny Leong CBE, Katy Tse Blair MBE, Eric Yu, Ping Coombes, Thuy Diem Pham
and Andy Clarke.



Our Sponsors

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful Golden Chopsticks Awards sponsors.

We really couldn't have got the project to where it is now without your fantastic support!

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR VOTES IN 2024. EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOUR VOTES WAS ENTERED FOR A CHANCE TO WIN £500 CASH, A MEAL FOR 2 IN A GCAS WINNING RESTAURANT & A PRODUCT HAMPER KINDLY DONATED BY:



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE LUCKY WINNER OF THIS FANTASTIC COMPETITION IS...

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Thank you also to all the **Press** who came along to the awards and published stories about the night and our winners. Here are some of our favourites:

Three Belfast eateries up for awards founded by TV personality Gok Wan
you can read the full article [here](#)

The three Chinese restaurants vying to be named the best in Wales
you can read the full article [here](#)

Manchester buffet nominated at top awards celebrating best Asian cuisine in the UK
you can read the full article [here](#)

And a huge thank you Liberty X! Talk about the night ending on a high!

Please check our [website](#) for full press coverage





Take a look at our gallery on our [website](#) for more shots from the awards night

Golden Chopsticks Scholarship

OXFORD CULTURAL COLLECTIVE TRUST

Secure a grant of up to £5000 to support your personal and professional development. Open to those aged from 18 to 35, who are UK residents working or studying in hospitality or gastronomy who are specialists in the cuisines of East and Southeast Asia.

This is your opportunity to engage in a creative project, of your own design, that will enhance your skills and attributes and have positive impact on others.

Applicants are invited to propose a personal or professional development project that reflects their aspirations and passions and that will have a lasting legacy. This might involve overseas travel, to engage in a distinctive learning experience; support for moving from a corporate role to entrepreneurial life; or the launch of a community project that will extend opportunities to others. The OCC Trust places no limits on applicants' creativity and is looking forward to receiving truly innovative proposals.

Applications open on 1st June 2024

Visit www.oxfordculturalcollective.com/about-us/golden-chopsticks-scholarship/

Thank you for all your donations on the night! Together, we raised a whopping £2,008.21!



The OCC Trust

The OCC Trust is a registered charity that supports the educational agenda of the Oxford Cultural Collective. The Trust serves two primary objectives:

- To offer a range of awards and scholarships to future change-makers, who are working or studying in the fields of hospitality and gastronomy; and
- To support cultural and educational initiatives that reflect the Oxford Cultural Collective's broader socially progressive agenda.

The Trust's activities are funded through philanthropic donations and grants from other charitable foundations.

(Registered with the UK Charity Commission – charity number 1191568)



HEADLINE PARTNER

To celebrate the announcement of our finalists for The Golden Chopsticks Awards 2024, we offered you the chance to win a £50 voucher to spend on Just Eat ! With 6 chances to win!

Thank you for all your entries and congratulations to all winners:
Caitlin Banks, Janet Nicholles, Alishah Rozmin Khusal, Maria Gina Smith, Dale Mills, Huong Bui





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