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The results of the 5th edition of Wielkopolska Chef of the Year are in! Fifth edition of the Rafał Jelewski Wielkopolska Chef of the Year competition took place on June 8th 2018 in PURO Hotels Poznań. After a whole day of competition efforts interspersed with shows, lectures and a dinner - as a part of the "Poznań Chefs Together" initiative - the winners were finally announced! The podium was taken by Marcin Borowczyk Blow Up Hall 5050 Hotel (1st place), Kajetan Świokła Hotel DeSilva Premium Poznań (2nd place) and Marcin Owsiany Hotel HP Park Poznań (3rd place). The winner is also an automatic participant of the Poland Culinary Cup 2018 finale - the most prestigious culinary competition in the country. This year's edition of Wielkopolska Chef of the Year was hosted by Jakub Ignys, the chef of PURO Hotel's Nifty No.20 and winner of the Wielkopolska Chef of the Year from 2015. Our heartfelt congratulations to all the participants and winners - check out the coverage of the competition.

This year's competition task was to prepare a main dish based in Wielkopolska region rump cut OR sirloin eye (participants had to pick one of the two), yeast and asparagus. The meat for the practice and the competition was supplied by [MCKEEN-BEEF](#) whose decision to support this exceptional competition we wholeheartedly applaud.

Competition participant list:

1. Artur Szwacki- HOTEL ANDERSIA POZNAŃ
2. Marcin Borowczyk - BLOW UP HALL POZNAŃ
3. Sylwester Owczarek - PAŁAC TŁOKINIA
4. Kajetan Świokła - HOTEL DeSILVA PREMIUM POZNAŃ
5. Jakub Vogt - OSTOJA CHOBINICE -SPICHLERZ
6. Carlos Contreras Hernandez - BISTRO CAFE&TAPAS CARLOS CONTRERAS KROTOSZYN
7. Sławek Popiak - WINE BAR MIELŻYŃSKI POZNAŃ
8. Mikołaj Sobora - RESTAURACJA LUMIERE BARANOWO
9. Łukasz Daszyński - AUTENTYK KUCHNIA I LUDZIE POZNAŃ
10. Marcin Owsiany - HOTEL PARK POZNAŃ
11. Arkadiusz Marcisz - HOTEL RESTAURACJA WAWRZYNIAK KROTOSZYN
12. Bartłomiej Tota - RESTAURACJA BEE JAY'S POZNAŃ

Bench warmer- Adam Jop - MUS BAR&VIEW POZNAŃ

The jury:

- Paweł Oszczyk - Head of Jury

- Leszek Gryka - Secretary of the Jury
- Rochelle Schaetzl - guest juror from RSA/Switzerland
- Piotr Kamieniczny - guest from Dubai
- Marcin Budynek
- Artur Skotarczyk
- Robert Echaust - technical juror
- Mariusz Pieterwas - technical juror

The summary of the day's worth of competing was presented at the evening gala. The culinary side of the event was taken care of by a team of excellent chefs from Poznań, lead by Dominik Brodziak.

Congratulations!

A little bit of background

The Wielkopolska Chef of the Year competition has been taking place in Poznań since 2001 and has had 10 editions before it was suspended between 2011 and 2013. In 2014, the gastronomy and hospitality establishment has decided to bring the competition back, dedicating it to the memory of chef Rafał Jelewski who died tragically.



Patron of the Competition: Rafał Jelewski (1970 - 2013) - exceptional chef, mentor and coach, successful, with an excellent craft and unique sense of taste. Participant of many prestigious culinary competitions in Poland and abroad, and most importantly, Poland's representative in the finale of the Bocuse d'Or 2011 competition in Lyon (see video of the preparation: [Restaurant Bind Prep](#)). In 2015, a plate with Rafał Jelewski's name in the Chef's Walk of Fame in Ostrzeszów was unveiled during a ceremony in his honour. Jelewski's whole career was devoted to the image and taste of the restaurants of Bazar hotel (before the refurbishment), the HP Park hotel at Lake Malta and Brovaria hotel. He was a great proponent and enthusiast of Wielkopolska regional cuisine and was of the opinion that the best food is defined by simplicity, as it can be both charming and inspiring for highest level work. The best cuisine - as Jelewski was known to say - is created from readily available produce.

Winners of previous editions of the Wielkopolska Chef of the Year (from 2001-2010 and 2014-2018):

- 2001 - Arkadiusz Panek HP Park Hotel Poznań
- 2002 - no info available

- 2003 - Sławomir Komorniczak ABC Kuchni Suchy Las
- 2004 - Roman Ratajczak Gospoda Pod Koziółkami Poznań
- 2005 - Małgorzata Hoffman Avanti Poznań
- 2006 - Artur Meller Brovaria Poznań
- 2007 - Maciej Woźniak WTT Kortowo Luboń
- 2008 - Robert Echaust HP Park Hotel Poznań
- 2009 - no info available
- 2010 - Robert Echaust HP Park Hotel Poznań
- The competition was suspended between 2011 and 2013



Competition participants during the award ceremony - gala at IBB Andersia - first edition of Wielkopolska Chef of the Year after the hiatus

- 2014 - Bartosz Budzyński Brovaria Poznań
- 2015 - Jakub Ignys Nifty no.20 (Hotel Puro Poznań)
- 2016 - Paweł Salamon Smolarnia
- 2017 - Maciej Kobylański Dwór Stary Chotów