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Our intention with this newsletter is to inform the new candidates for the next international competition. This newsletter will also be provided to members of Bailliages that are involved in Regional and National competitions and be posted on the JCR Alumni Facebook page. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lois Gilbert, International JCR Committee Member at

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50 YEARS OF JEUNES CHEFS RÔTISSEURS



Celebrating 50 Years of Culinary Excellence

In 2027, the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs will celebrate an extraordinary milestone: **50 years of the International Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs Competition.** We are inviting the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs world to come celebrate with us.

Since the first competition in 1977, the Jeunes Chefs has provided a unique international stage for young professional chefs to test their skills, creativity and composure under pressure. What began as a small competition has grown into one of the most respected international competitions for young culinary professionals.

Over five decades, hundreds of young chefs have stood at the competition bench representing their countries. For many, winning or participating in the Jeunes Chefs has been a defining moment in their careers, opening doors to further education, international opportunities and some of the world's finest kitchens.

The competition has travelled the globe, visited five continents and introduced generations of young chefs to new cultures, cuisines and colleagues. Just as importantly, it has created a worldwide network of chefs who share a common connection: they are Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs alumni.

50 YEARS • 50 STORIES • COUNTLESS CAREERS

What are you doing to prepare?
Check out previous newsletters for past competition black boxes,
Advice from previous competitors
Advice from judges.

https://competitions.chainedesrotisseurs.com/pages/24/competition-newsletters.html

PARIS 2027 — THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY FINAL

Returning to Where the Culinary Story Belongs

There could hardly be a more fitting destination for the 50th anniversary than **Paris**. The 50th Anniversary International Final of the Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs Competition will take place in Paris on **September 17, 2027**, at **Le Cordon Bleu Paris**.

The programme is scheduled to bring competitors and officials together from September 15–19, creating an opportunity not only to compete but to celebrate five decades of friendships, achievements and culinary careers.

For a competition whose history is so closely intertwined with Le Cordon Bleu, returning to Paris is particularly meaningful. The 2020 and 2021 finals were also held at Le Cordon Bleu Paris, where the school and its culinary team helped the competition navigate the extraordinary challenges of the pandemic. **Chef Eric Briffard, Maître Rôtisseur, and the le Cordon Bleu team played an important role in making the 2021 competition possible**, and their support has been an important part of the relationship between le Cordon Bleu and the Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs Competition.

The 2027 final will be more than another competition. It will be a celebration of everyone who has helped make the Jeunes Chefs what it is today — competitors, alumni, mentors, judges, sponsors, host Bailliages, volunteers and the many people who have worked behind the scenes.

A GLOBAL HISTORY OF WINNERS

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs story is the breadth of countries represented by its champions.

Country	Years Won
Australia	1993, 2004
Austria	1989, 1991
Canada	1986, 2006, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2026
Finland	2005, 2009
France	1977, 1979, 1985, 1998, 1999
Germany	1978, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016
Great Britain	1980
Hungary	2024
Malaysia	2002, 2017
Norway	2020, 2021, 2022
South Africa	2010
Spain	1981, 1994
Sweden	1995, 2001, 2007
Switzerland	1983
USA	2011, 2023

HELP US UNCOVER OUR JEUNES CHEFS HISTORY

As we prepare a **50th Anniversary Digital Commemorative Booklet**, we are looking for material from **Bailliage archives relating to Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs competitions over the past 50 years**.

Please look through your archives for:

- **National Jeunes Chefs competition** photographs, articles, programmes or results
- **International competition** photographs, articles or programmes
- Photos or stories featuring your **national winners or international competitors**
- Articles about winners, their careers or their competition experience
- Photos of competitors with **judges, mentors, Baillis or Chaîne members**
- Material from years when your Bailliage **hosted a national or international competition**
- Any other Jeunes Chefs memorabilia that helps tell the story of the competition

We would also greatly appreciate **current contact details for past national or international winners**.

Please send photos, scanned articles, documents, stories and contact information to:

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LOOKING AHEAD

The Next 50 Years

The first 50 years of Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs have given us an extraordinary collection of stories.

There are the champions whose names appear in the record books. There are the competitors who did not win but went on to extraordinary careers. There are the chefs who became mentors, judges and ambassadors for the next generation.

And there are the friendships.

That may ultimately be the greatest legacy of the competition.

A young chef arrives at the international final representing a country. They leave having represented themselves — and having met colleagues from around the world who understand exactly what it means to stand behind the competition bench, open the black box and hear the clock start.

Fifty years later, those connections continue.

Here's to the first 50 years — and to the young chefs who will shape the next 50.

Paris • September 2027

INTERNATIONAL JEUNES CHEFS RÔTISSEURS WINNERS 1977–2026

Year	International Winner	Country	Host City
1977	Alain Guillon	France	Zurich, Switzerland
1978	Clemens Baader	Germany	Berlin, Germany
1979	J. Marie Bonnefois	France	Vienna, Austria
1980	Michael Bonacini	Great Britain	Tunis, Tunisia
1981	Eschusa Farin	Spain	Cairo, Egypt
1982	Matthias Schantin	Germany	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
1983	André Gindraux	Switzerland	Nice, France
1984	Dominique Schmidt	Germany	Luxembourg, Luxembourg
1985	Bruno Bertin	France	Venice, Italy
1986	Geoffrey Couper	Canada	Koblenz, Germany
1987	Petra Roth	Germany	San Sebastian, Spain
1988	Wolfgang Quack	Germany	Nice, France
1989	Johann Lugstein	Austria	Stavanger, Norway
1990	Bärbel Remmel	Germany	Lausanne, Switzerland
1991	Wolfgang Ranner	Austria	Johannesburg, South Africa
1992	Ulrike Korte	Germany	Frankfurt, Germany
1993	Bradley Jolly	Australia	Brisbane, Australia
1994	Gabriel G. Ubiña	Spain	Majorca, Spain
1995	Tomas Palmqvist	Sweden	Tampere, Finland
1996	Claus Weitbrecht	Germany	Budapest, Hungary
1997	Tamara Baur	Germany	Greystone, USA
1998	Ludovic Aubiat	France	Stockholm, Sweden
1999	Andrée Alaman	France	Paris, France
2000	Markus Gradel	Germany	Vienna, Austria
2001	Viktor Angmo	Sweden	Istanbul, Türkiye
2002	Norhilme Bin Kamarudin	Malaysia	Singapore
2003	Carsten Neutmann	Germany	Cape Town, South Africa
2004	Luke Paul Turner	Australia	Calgary, Canada
2005	Arto Juhani Rastas	Finland	Bermuda
2006	Daniel Craig	Canada	Adelaide, Australia
2007	Jesper Bogren	Sweden	Frankfurt, Germany
2008	Tobias Günther	Germany	Paris, France
2009	Lasse Koistinen	Finland	New York, USA
2010	Stacey Lee Chan	South Africa	Helsinki, Finland
2011	Reilly Meehan	United States	Istanbul, Türkiye
2012	Christina Merz	Germany	Berlin, Germany
2013	Jan-Philipp Berner	Germany	Istanbul, Türkiye
2014	Peter Lex	Germany	Durban, South Africa
2015	Michael Christiansen	Canada	Budapest, Hungary
2016	Christoph Eckert	Germany	Manchester, United Kingdom
2017	Amelia Mei Vern Ng	Malaysia	Frankfurt, Germany
2018	Joseph Tran	Canada	Keelung, Taiwan
2019	Darnell Mark Banman	Canada	Calgary, Canada
2020	Emil Lundemo Bakken	Norway	Paris, France
2021	Sindre Fagermo Hjelmseth	Norway	Paris, France
2022	Tonje Svee	Norway	Mexico City, Mexico
2023	Joseph Baffoe	United States	Istanbul, Türkiye
2024	Patrik Nyikos	Hungary	Budapest, Hungary
2025	—	—	No International Competition
2026	Erik Hansen	Canada	Istanbul, Türkiye