



# YOU VOTED, WE COUNTED

And the winner is...the Seattle diner. Judging from the sheer number and variety of restaurants that almost made it to the final winners' list in our annual visitors' choice awards, many of you face a happy problem—deciding where to have a meal in a city filled with impressive choices. Envelope, please. **BY DOROTHY HO**

Canlis is one thought ahead of you. This Seattle institution at the edge of Lake Union is famed for its dining experience.

## Second runner-up EL GAUCHO

2505 1ST AVE, 206-728-1337

Understated and unobtrusive service marks this destination steakhouse. Turn up the heat and have your server prepare the bananas foster flambe dessert tableside.

★★★★★ **VIEW** ★★★★★

## ★Winner★ SKYCITY

400 BROAD ST, 206-905-2100

Get the priceless 360-degree view of the city as you dine here, at the top of the Space Needle. The fresh seafood and steak taste even better with a beautiful sunset.

## Runner-up SALTY'S ON ALKI

1936 HARBOR AVE SW, 206-937-1600

This popular seafood restaurant on Alki Beach offers a spectacular view of the city from across Elliott Bay.

## Second runner-up LOWELL'S

1519 PIKE PL, 206-622-2036

Take in the double-whammy view of Puget Sound and the Olympics from this Pike Place Market restaurant offering diner-style breakfast, lunch and dinner.

★★★★★ **SEAFOOD** ★★★★★

## ★Winner★ THE OCEANAIRE SEAFOOD ROOM

1700 7TH AVE, 206-267-2277

Fresh and local is the mantra here of executive chef Eric Donnelly, whose dishes include regionally-raised oysters and premium selections from local fisheries. Savor the complimentary relish dish with pickled herrings. And save room for the desserts.

## ★★★★★ **BEST OVERALL** ★★★★★

### ★Winner★ WILD GINGER

1401 3RD AVE, 206-623-4450

Asian cuisine is done right here, with authentic offerings from Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Burma, Thailand, South China, and Vietnam. Executive Chef Nathan Uy's genius is found in such items as the Fragrant Duck and the Seven Flavor Beef. Impeccable service in a stylish environment complete the experience.

### Runner-up THE BROOKLYN SEAFOOD, STEAK AND OYSTER HOUSE

1212 2ND AVE, 206-224-7000

Fresh regional Northwest cuisine is served in a comfortable setting, topped off with great service. Snag one of the high-backed seats at the bar and watch your food get prepared. Or disappear into a private booth.

## Second runner-up THE METROPOLITAN GRILL

820 2ND AVE, 206-624-3287

Everyone knows "The Met." This classic steakhouse in a 1903 building exudes old school charm and history. Prime beef is the star here, which customers can enjoy in plush booths or the popular black marble bar.

★★★★★ **SERVICE** ★★★★★

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The signature elegant service at this stylish outfit complements the consistently good steaks. Knowledgeable and friendly staff will help you pick the best from its award-winning wine list.

### Runner-up CANLIS

2576 AURORA AVE N, 206-283-3313

If you're thinking it, chances are, the staff at

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