



Welcome to the Grand Finale, where 15 inspiring talents will compete to be crowned the world's best young chef

On behalf of S.Pellegrino, I am delighted to welcome you to the S.Pellegrino Young Chef Academy Grand Finale 2023. This event is the culmination of a nearly two-year long competition to find the world's best young chef.

Launched in 2015 and now in its fifth edition, the S.Pellegrino Young Chef Academy is more than just a talent search. With its ongoing programme of activities, the Academy works to support, connect and inspire this community by providing networking, education, mentoring and career opportunities. It has grown to become a global community of young and senior chefs, a community that is supportive and values-driven, with the common goal to create positive change for people and the planet through food.

In line with this, we are committed to implementing more and more sustainable practices across the event featuring for example surplus food from the competition management through Massimo Bottura's Food For Soul; reduce, reuse and recycle practices; more sustainable logistics and contributions to absorb carbon emissions. Discover more on our sustainable practices on our digital platform dedicated to the event.

So, as the curtain rises on the final stage of this competition, I remind you that the future is not written in the stars, but can be created by each one of us, by bringing the best of ourselves to the table.

To all of you who support young chefs along with S.Pellegrino and contribute to help grow and improve our industry, thank you for joining us from around the world and sharing the enthusiasm of these visionary talents.

To the global pioneers of gastronomy who have mentored our young chefs throughout their journey and who now have the crucial task of selecting the best young chef as members of our Grand Jury, thank you for your valuable contribution and for believing in our ambitious project.

To our young talents, the members of the S.Pellegrino Young Chef Academy, I wish you the best of luck and a dazzling career.

And finally, I challenge each and every single one of you to bring something special with you to Milan. That is to bring your vision and dreams for the future of gastronomy.

Bring your future to the table.

See you soon!

Michel Beneventi

President & CEO Sanpellegrino Group

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