

Prestigious Awards Rain Down at Foodexpo

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A wide array of food and drink-related Danish championships are taking place these days at the Nordic region's largest food fair, Foodexpo, at MCH Messecenter Herning. On Monday, March 18, events included the Danish Cocktail Championship and Denmark's Best Baker. See the complete list of winners [here](#).



Bartender Kimberly Høegsberg won the Danish Cocktail Championship at Foodexpo. Photo: MCH/Tony Brøchner.

Sunday kicked off with a series of culinary competitions, and Monday's edition of Foodexpo continued with several new events, including the highly anticipated Danish Cocktail Championship, which, unlike the mocktail competition on Sunday, featured classic cocktails with alcohol.

After several hours of competition, it was clear that the winner was Kimberly Høegsberg from Y's Café & Cocktailbar in Copenhagen. With less than two years of experience as a bartender, she was overjoyed, shedding tears of happiness.

"It means everything to me to win today because I want to succeed in this industry, and I feel this is a crucial step for me. It's a big deal to win Denmark's biggest cocktail competition, and I'm thrilled to be able to add this victory to my resume. I really didn't expect to win because the others were incredibly good. It feels like a dream, and I'm so happy that I'm literally crying tears of joy," Kimberly Høegsberg exclaimed.

Denmark's Best Baker

Also on Monday, the competition for Denmark's Best Baker took place, culminating in victory for Ludvig Tence (see photo at the bottom) from Andersen Bakery in Copenhagen after five intense hours of baking. Like the bartender champion, he was overwhelmed with emotion afterward:

"I have a hard time finding the right words because I didn't expect to win, and I think it was a very close competition. But it's obviously a great thing, and I'm very happy. Especially because I've competed before and came in third place. It's great to now be at the very top. I also think the company can benefit from the award on social media and other platforms," Ludvig Tence commented.

The Best Apprentice Cooks and Waiters in Denmark

Monday also saw the popular apprentice competitions, where trainee cooks and waiters competed to be the best in their respective categories.

The award ceremony was a huge crowd-puller, and amid cheers, the winners were announced: apprentice cooks Magnus Lund Hansen and Magnus

Kokkendoff Ravnbo from Kold College in Odense and apprentice waiters Jacob Urth and Kasper Andersen from College360 in Silkeborg.

On Tuesday, one of the fair's most acclaimed competitions, Denmark's Best Romkugle, will take place, with Seest Bakery having last won it in 2022. Additionally, the winners of Nordic Chef and Waiter will be crowned.

Foodexpo takes place at MCH Messecenter Herning from March 17 to 19, 2024. Learn more at foodexpo.dk and apply for press accreditation [here](#).

The fair is developed in close collaboration with 13 industry associations and organizations: BFS - Brancheforeningen for Storkøkkenudstyr, BKC - Brancheforeningen for Kaffe- og Convenienceløsninger, BKD - Bager- og Konditormestre i Danmark, Danmarks Fiskehandlere, De Samvirkende Købmænd, DSM - Danske Slagtermestre, Foreningen Kantine og Køkken, Fødevareklubben, HORESTA, Kost og Ernæringsforbundet, LBI - Leverandørforeningen for bagerimaskiner og inventar, MLDK - Mærkevareleverandørerne, and Nærbutikkernes Landsforening.

Competition winners at Foodexpo 2024

Sunday, March 17

Best Chef - Bjarke Jeppesen, Treetop Restaurant, Vejle

Best Waiter - Andreas Kobs Laursen, Treetop Restaurant, Vejle

Best Confectioner in Denmark - Josephine Kirstein Hansen, Andersen Bakery, Copenhagen

Danish Champion in Mocktails - Manuel Lică from bartendercopenhagen.com

Best Salami in Artificial Casing - French white mold salami - Slagter Matthiasen, Nørre Aaby

Best Salami in Natural Casing - Sicilian salami - Slagter Munch, Skagen

Best Liver Pâté in Denmark - Luxurious liver pâté - Slagter Matthiasen, Nørre Aaby

Best Meatball in Denmark - Pan-fried meatball with apples, bacon, and thyme - Pølsemakeriet, Silkeborg

Best Grilled Sausage in Denmark - Wild garlic sausage with garlic - Slagter Christiansen, Fanø

Monday, March 18

Best Baker in Denmark - Ludvig Tence, Andersen Bakery, Copenhagen

Danish Champion in Cocktails - Kimberly Høegsberg, Y's Café & Cocktailbar, Copenhagen

Best Apprentice Competitions - Apprentice cooks Magnus Lund Hansen and Magnus Kokkendoff Ravnbo, Kold College, Odense, and apprentice waiters Jacob Urth and Kasper Andersen, College360, Silkeborg

Best Smoked Cheese Salad in Denmark - Cheese No. 5, Smoked Cheese Salad, Jama Ost, Risskov

Best Homemade Cream Cheese with Garlic in Denmark - Cheese No. 5, Cream Cheese with Garlic, JUTA, Horsens

Best Homemade Cream Cheese without Garlic in Denmark - Cheese No. 3, Cream Cheese with Onions and Herbs, Jama Ost, Risskov

Nordic Green Chef - To be announced later

Tuesday, March 19

Best Romkugle in Denmark -

Nordic Chef and Waiter -