

Jose Andres: Vilcek Foundation Prize

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If a tally of prizes and honors is worth the same in the culinary world as it is in the film world, then [Jose Andres](#) is having a terrific year.

[The Vilcek Foundation](#), which awards [annual prizes](#) in biomedical science, and the Arts to immigrants, bestowed its 2010 Culinary Arts award to Jose. It is the first time the award honors a chef. Previous winners include [Mike Nichols](#) and [Osvaldo Golijov](#).

The Vilcek Prize for the Arts comes with a hefty \$50,000 prize and an award sculpture [Stefan Sagmeister](#). The culinary arts jury is comprised of prominent culinary experts including [Ruth Reichl](#), former Editor-in-Chief of [Gourmet](#) magazine; [Dan Barber](#), Executive Chef and co-owner of [Blue Hill and Blue Hill at Stone Barns](#); and [Susan Ungaro](#), President of the [James Beard Foundation](#).

Jose was also named one of the new members of the [United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board](#). The board [advises](#) Commerce Secretary [Gary Locke](#) on policies and programs concerning the industry. The group also discusses tourism industry issues and proposes solutions. He is one of 28 members.

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