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Simon Pearce

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Charles Street
Supply Company

HOME THEATER
Goodwin's High End

INTERIOR DESIGN
Liz Caan Interiors

JEWELRY > ARTISAN
Good

JEWELRY > COSTUME
So Good

JEWELRY > DESIGNER
Lux Bond & Green

JEWELRY > FINE
Dorfman

JEWELRY > VINTAGE
Twentieth
Century Ltd.

KITCHEN APPLIANCES
Yale

KITCHEN DESIGN
Leslie-Jon A. Vickory

KITCHEN SUPPLIES
KitchenWares by
Blackstones

LINGERIE
Forty Winks

LIGHTING
Lucia Lighting
and Design

LUGGAGE
Leather World

MAKEUP COUNTER
Chanel

MAKEUP SELECTION
Sephora

MUSIC > NEW
Newbury Comics

MUSIC > USED
Looney Tunes

OPTICAL SHOP > CASUAL
See Eyewear

OPTICAL SHOP > UPGRADE
Lunette Optic

RUNNING SHOP
Marathon Sports

SEX SHOP
Good Vibrations

SHOES > MEN'S
Camper

SHOES > WOMEN'S
Barneys New York

SKATE SHOP
Orchard

**SKI AND
SNOWBOARD SHOP**
East Coast Alpine

SPORTING GOODS
City Sports

TOYS
Henry Bear's Park

WATCHES
Touneau

SERVICE

BLOWOUT
Marisa Marino,
Stilisti

BROW SHAPING
Dana Chasen, Brad
Duncan Skin Care

CAR SERVICE
Commonwealth
Worldwide

CAR WASH
Allston Car Wash

COLORIST > BLOND
Gary Croteau,
Salon Mario Russo
at Fan Pier

COLORIST > BRUNETTE
Patrice Vinci,
Patrice Vinci Salon

DAY SPA
G2O Spa and Salon

DOG TRAINER
Cooperative Dog

FACIAL
Skoah

FLORIST
New Leaf Flores

**GROUP FITNESS
INSTRUCTOR**
George Dossas,
Equinox

HAIR SALON
Bradley & Diegel

HAIRCUT > MEN'S
Chuck Bass,
Jean Pierre Salon

HAIRCUT > WOMEN'S
Brian Rand, Trephin

HAIRSTYLING
Michael Albor,
the Loft

HEALTH CLUB
The Sports Club/LA

HOTEL > BOUTIQUE
Nine Zero

**HOTEL > GENERAL
EXCELLENCE**
Mandarin Oriental

HOUSE CLEANER
EcoClean

LASH EXTENSIONS
LuxLash

MAKEUP ARTIST
Dani Wagener

MANICURE
Bella Santé

MASSAGE
Exhale Battery
Wharf

PEDICURE
Bliss

PET GROOMING
Pawsh Dog Boutique

PET SITTING
The Pooped Pooch

SHOE REPAIR
Odessa Instant
Shoe Repair

SHOESHINE
David's Instant
Shoe Repair

SUNLESS TANNING
Perfect Tan

TAILOR
Robin Chalfin,
ToolKit

VETERINARIAN
Vetcall

WAXING
Karen Golden,
Karen Golden
Skin Care

YOGA INSTRUCTOR
David Vendetti,
South Boston Yoga

WEDDINGS

ACCESSORIES
L'élite

BRIDESMAID DRESSES
Flair

CAKES
Cakes to
Remember

CATERER
Tables of Content

COORDINATOR
Linnea Tangorra

FLORIST
Winston Flowers

GOWNS > AFFORDABLE
Vows

GOWNS > UPGRADE
Vera Wang

HAIRSTYLIST
Erik Howard,
Will Charles Salon

MAKEUP ARTIST
Tavi de la Rosa

PHOTOGRAPHER
Hitched Studios

REGISTRY
Bloomingdale's

RINGS
Long's Jewelers

STATIONERY > CLASSIC
Crane & Co.

STATIONERY > INFORMAL
Rugg Road Paper
Company

TUXEDOS
Giblees Tuxedos

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ACTOR
Johnny Lee
Davenport

ACTRESS
Anne Gottlieb

ART DEALER
Barbara Cole Lee
+ Company

ART GALLERY
Barbara Krakow
Gallery

**ART GALLERY
> PHOTOGRAPHY**
Robert Klein Gallery

AUTHOR
Andre Dubus III

BAND
Dropkick Murphys

BIKE PATH
Minuteman Bikeway

BOWLING ALLEY
Sacco's Bowl Haven

BAR
The Biltmore Bar
and Grille

CINEMA > INDEPENDENT
Coolidge Corner
Theatre

CINEMA > NATIONAL
Regal Fenway
Stadium 13

CLUB > COMEDY
The Comedy Studio

CLUB > DANCE
Middlesex Lounge

CLUB > GAY
Boston Guerrilla
Queer Bar

CLUB > JAZZ > CASUAL
Wally's Café

CLUB > JAZZ > UPGRADE
Regattabar

CLUB > LESBIAN
Fourth Fridays
at the Milky Way

CLUB > LIVE MUSIC
> LARGE
Paradise Rock Club

CLUB > LIVE MUSIC
> SMALL
T. T. the Bear's
Place

CURATOR
Pieranna Cavalcini,
Isabella Stewart
Gardner Museum

DANCE PERFORMANCE
José Mateo Ballet
Theatre

EXHIBITION
Dale Chihuly at
the MFA

KARAOKE
Do Re Mi Karaoke

NEW MUSIC ARTIST
Lady Lamb the
Beekeeper

POOL HALL
Big City

PUBLIC GOLF COURSE
George Wright
Golf Course

READING SERIES
Harvard Book Store

RUNNING ROUTE
Arnold Arboretum

**SWIMMING POOL
> INDOORS**
Seaport Hotel

**SWIMMING POOL
> OUTDOORS**
The Colonnade

THEATER
American
Repertory Theater

THEATRICAL PRODUCTION
Petrushka at
ArtsEmerson

WINE SHOP
The Urban Grape

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BARBECUE
Blue Ribbon Bar-B-Q

BICYCLES
Belmont
Wheelworks

BOOKS
New England
Mobile Book Fair

BRUNCH
Zaftigs West

CLOTHING > CHILDREN'S
Abigail's Children's
Boutique

CLOTHING > CONSIGNMENT
The Finer Consigner

CLOTHING > MEN'S
Mr. Sid

CLOTHING > WOMEN'S
Bessie Blue

DAY SPA
La Residencia Spa

FARM STAND
Verrill Farm

FLORIST
Derby Farm Flowers
& Gardens

FURNITURE
Hudson

GROCERY STORE
A. Russo & Sons

HAIR SALON
SalonCapri

HEALTH CLUB
Bosse Sports

JEWELRY > CLASSIC
Long's Jewelers

**JEWELRY
> CONTEMPORARY**
Quadrant

MANICURE
MiniLuxe

MASSAGE
Arden Medspa
and Salon

PUBLIC GOLF COURSE
Shining Rock
Golf Club

RESTAURANT > BISTRO
Aquitaine

**RESTAURANT
> GENERAL EXCELLENCE**
Il Casale

RESTAURANT > ROMANTIC
Lumière

RESTAURANT > SASHIMI
AKA Bistro

WINE SHOP
The Urban Grape

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DAY SPA
Spascape

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
Pinz

FARMERS' MARKET
Hingham

FLORIST
Winston Flowers

FURNITURE
Company C

HAIR SALON
Mellie Hair Design

HOME ACCESSORIES
La Petite Maison

JEWELRY
Cohasset Jewelers

MASSAGE
Oasis Day Spa

PET CARE
Land of Pawz

PUBLIC GOLF COURSE
Granite Links
Golf Club

RESTAURANT > CHINESE
Sichuan Gourmet

**RESTAURANT
> GENERAL EXCELLENCE**
Tosca

RESTAURANT > ITALIAN
Orta

RESTAURANT > NEW
Alma Nove

RESTAURANT > SEAFOOD
Oro

NORTH

ANTIQUES
Alexander
Westerhoff
Antiques

BAR
The Grog

BRUNCH
5 Corners Kitchen

CLOTHING > CHILDREN'S
Lively Kids

CLOTHING > MEN'S
Peter Mark

CLOTHING > WOMEN'S
Dresscode

DAY SPA
Pyara Spa and Salon

FARMERS' MARKET
Newburyport

FLORIST
Roses and Thistle

HAIR SALON
Spa Ni'Joli

JEWELRY
Royal Jewelers

PET CARE
Linda's Critter
Corral

**RESTAURANT
> GENERAL EXCELLENCE**
Parsons Table

RESTAURANT > NEW
The Market
Restaurant

RESTAURANT > ROMANTIC
American Seasons

RESTAURANT > ROMANTIC
Ceia Kitchen and Bar

RESTAURANT > SEAFOOD
Turner's Seafood

CAPE COD

BAR
The Beachcomber

BOOKS
Parnassus Book
Service

BRUNCH
Café Chew

CLAM SHACK
Captain Frosty's

DAY SPA
Chatham Bars Inn

EXCURSION
OceanQuest
Discovery Cruise

HOME ACCESSORIES
Yates and Kennedy

HOTEL > BOUTIQUE
Harbor Hotel
Provincetown

HOTEL > RESORT
Wequassett Resort
and Golf Club

RESTAURANT > BISTRO
The Brewster Fish
House

**RESTAURANT
> GENERAL EXCELLENCE**
Twenty-Eight
Atlantic

MARTHA'S VINEYARD

BAR
Offshore Ale
Company

BRUNCH
The ArtCliff Diner

CLAM SHACK
The Bite

HOTEL > BOUTIQUE
Hob Knob

HOTEL > RESORT
Harbor View Hotel
and Resort

RESTAURANT > BISTRO
Park Corner Bistro

**RESTAURANT
> GENERAL EXCELLENCE**
Défente

NANTUCKET

BAR
Corazón del Mar

BRUNCH
Boarding House

HOTEL > BOUTIQUE
Union Street Inn

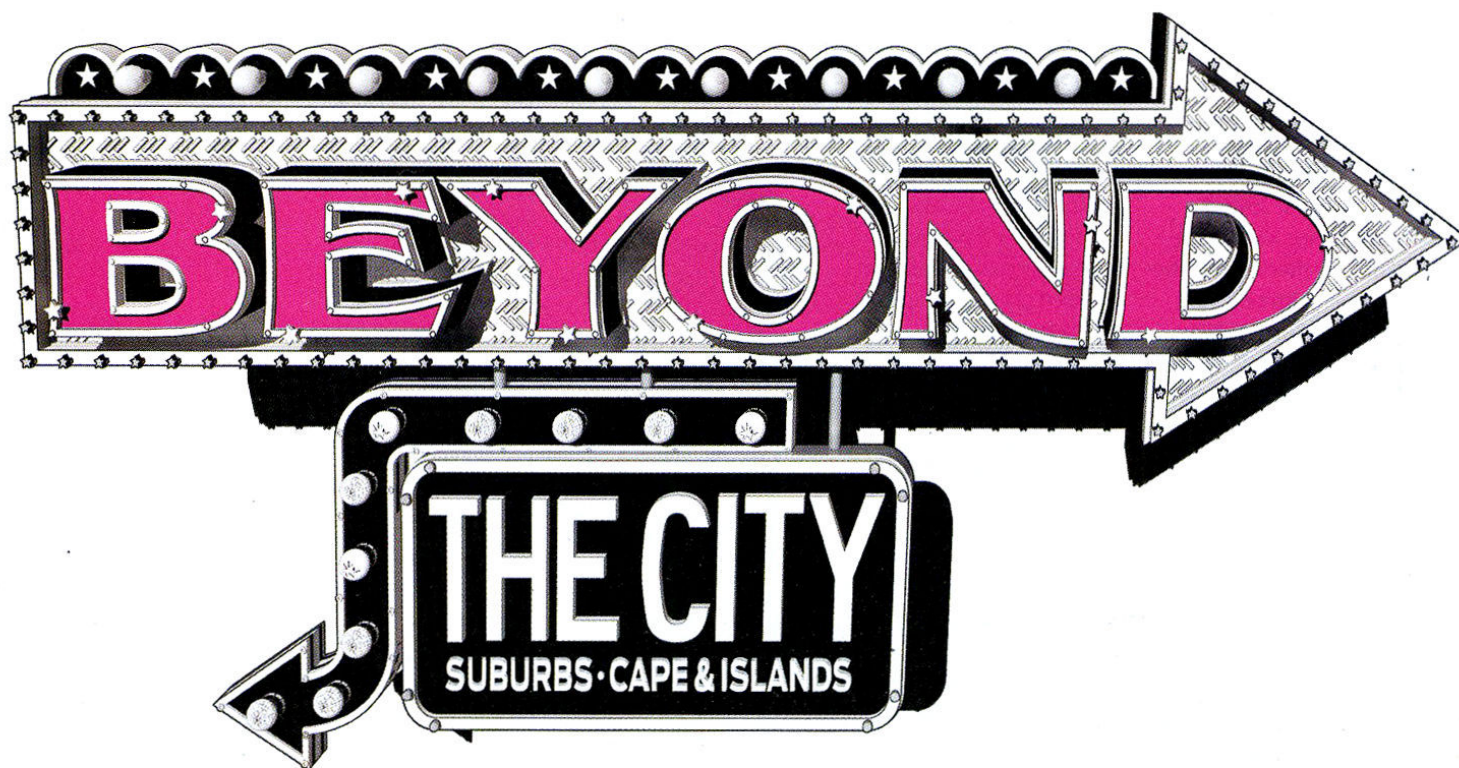
HOTEL > RESORT
The Wauwinet

**RESTAURANT
> GENERAL EXCELLENCE**
Straight Wharf
Restaurant

RESTAURANT > NEW
Ventuno

RESTAURANT > ROMANTIC
American Seasons

We didn't need seven sports championships in 10 years to prove that Boston is Number One. From stellar eateries to world-class art galleries and exceptional boutiques, there's just so much to celebrate around here. So in this, our 38th annual awards issue, we once again tip our caps to the best of the city: the people, restaurants, and shops that deserve their name in lights.



Best Of

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HOME ACCESSORIES

YATES AND KENNEDY

Provincetown is a rather long way to travel for ultrahip vintage and modern accessories, but Yates and Kennedy is a true destination for the antler-hunting, owl-coveting, woodblock-pillow-desiring crowd. Bonus: After working up a shopper's sweat in the delightful store, you can skip down to the beach for an ocean dip.

➤ 368 COMMERCIAL ST., PROVINCETOWN, 508-487-4400, YATESANDKENNEDY.COM.

HOTEL ★ BOUTIQUE

HARBOR HOTEL PROVINCETOWN

Shady motor inns might be quintessential Cape Cod, but we don't have to like 'em. So we're thrilled to see the old Cape Inn reborn as the Harbor Hotel, with a mod new look and superb amenities. Spend all day dipping your toes in the pool, then wiggle them in the sand while sitting by the fire pit.

➤ 698 COMMERCIAL ST., PROVINCETOWN, 800-422-4224, HARBORHOTELPTOWN.COM.

RESTAURANT ★ BISTRO

THE BREWSTER FISH HOUSE

It's as classic as a bistro gets: petite and boasting seasonal fare, lots of wines by the glass, and genial service. The menu is seafood-oriented, and a plate of the crisp oysters with sea urchin and basil oil, chased by the seared cod with fava, is an elegant way to sample the local bounty.

➤ 2208 MAIN ST. (RTE. 6A), BREWSTER, 508-896-7867, BREWSTERFISH.COM.

RESTAURANT ★ GENERAL EXCELLENCE

TWENTY-EIGHT ATLANTIC

A true destination restaurant, Twenty-Eight Atlantic got an extra boost this year from the addition of former L'Espalier chef James Hackney to the kitchen. And the incomparable ocean vistas? Here they don't replace superb cooking—they make it that much easier to savor.

➤ WEQUASSETT RESORT AND GOLF CLUB, 2171 HEAD OF THE BAY RD., HARWICH, 508-432-5400, WEQUASSETT.COM.

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HOTEL ★ RESORT

THE WAUWINET

We're partial to this place as much for its spectacular location (straddling the border between the island's wild and civilized ends) as for its lengthy menu of perks: spa, private beach, afternoon nibbles of cheese and glasses of port, champagne at sunset. Guests are left with the feeling that they're staying not at a hotel but a very well-to-do friend's home.

➤ 120 WAUWINET RD., NANTUCKET, 508-228-0145, WAUWINET.COM.

RESTAURANT ★ GENERAL EXCELLENCE

STRAIGHT WHARF RESTAURANT

The Straight Wharf remains one of Nantucket's toughest reservations. Perhaps guests know that the celebrity contingent (regulars include Brian Williams) might be on hand. But we're guessing it has more to do with the food—standouts like halibut chowder sprinkled with house-made bacon, and a clam bake featuring lobster and chorizo over corn and littlenecks.

➤ 6 HARBOR SQ., NANTUCKET, 508-228-4499, STRAIGHTWHARFRESTAURANT.COM.

RESTAURANT ★ NEW

VENTUNO

Under Gabriel Frasca and Amanda Lydon, the aging Twenty-One Federal was reimagined as Ventuno—a stellar dining option for the island. The Italian-focused small plates showcase many ACK-grown ingredients, while handmade pastas (*strozzapreti* with braised rabbit, spaghetti *alle vongole*); substantial antipasti (*burrata*, braised local conch); and a thought-provoking wine list make this eatery a vacation must.

➤ 21 FEDERAL ST., NANTUCKET, 508-228-4242, VENTUNORESTAURANT.COM.

RESTAURANT ★ ROMANTIC

AMERICAN SEASONS

The candlelit, farmhouse-style dining room will get you started, and a bottle from the all-American wine list will complete the effect. Chef Michael LaScola's cuisine is well suited to sharing: Split a silky foie gras terrine with black Mission figs and a porterhouse chop big enough for two.

➤ 80 CENTRE ST., NANTUCKET, 508-228-7111, AMERICANSEASONS.COM.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CONTINUED FROM PAGE 109

HOTEL ★ BOUTIQUE

HOB KNOB

Set back from the hubbub of downtown Edgartown, this eco-friendly, 17-room manse is quiet, unpretentious, and posh. (JFK himself once stayed here after an exhausting regatta.) Eat your made-to-order breakfast, then ride one of the cruiser bikes to the beach or to the island's farm institute to gather fresh eggs. And after that? Just linger in the Garden Room till it's time for cookies and tea.

➤ 128 MAIN ST., EDGARTOWN, 508-627-9510, HOBKNOB.COM.

HOTEL ★ RESORT

HARBOR VIEW HOTEL AND RESORT

You could camp out on the wraparound porch and have an amazing time at the Harbor View, what with the postcard view of the Edgartown lighthouse. But thankfully, they've got the goods inside, too: boutique-style rooms with balconies, a private marina with a fleet of charter boats, a heated pool, kids' programs, and Henry's, one of the best bars on the Vineyard.

➤ 131 N. WATER ST., EDGARTOWN, 508-627-7000, WWW.HARBOR-VIEW.COM.

RESTAURANT ★ BISTRO

PARK CORNER BISTRO

With unfussy décor and a menu to match, Park Corner and its reasonably priced small plates are a welcome outlier in Oak Bluffs. Pair the Brie-and-apple tart or pan-seared tuna salad with a selection from the outstanding drink list, and relish the deliciously relaxed mood.

➤ 20 N. KENNEBEC AVE., OAK BLUFFS, 508-696-9922.

RESTAURANT ★ GENERAL EXCELLENCE

DÉTENTE

It may not have an ocean view, but who cares? At Détente, all eyes should be on the food. The innovative chefs craft dishes like a refreshing peach-and-taleggio salad, a fantastic wild boar ragù, and a delightful spin on surf-and-turf done with ancho-rubbed veal and soft-shell crab. Grab a spot at the bar when the restaurant opens at 5:30 p.m. and make the most of the summer special, which gets you the entire meal at half off. Then order two of everything.

➤ 3 NEVIN SQ., EDGARTOWN, 508-627-8810, DETENTEMV.COM.