



DJ Neekola concentrated on great music...
...while RAMMY goes danced the night away



Tables of food and drink from Argentina, Korea, Peru, and Chile delighted RAMMY guests

RAMMYS 2017 - The Best Yet!

This year, we continued the 35-year tradition of the RAMMY Awards again at D.C.'s Walter E. Washington Convention Center. It was truly the best yet, with just shy of 2,400 people in attendance. Our annual celebration brought together restaurant owners, operators, chefs, vendors, and employees who all made reservations to come together and acknowledge our shared successes, stories, and accomplishments from the past year.



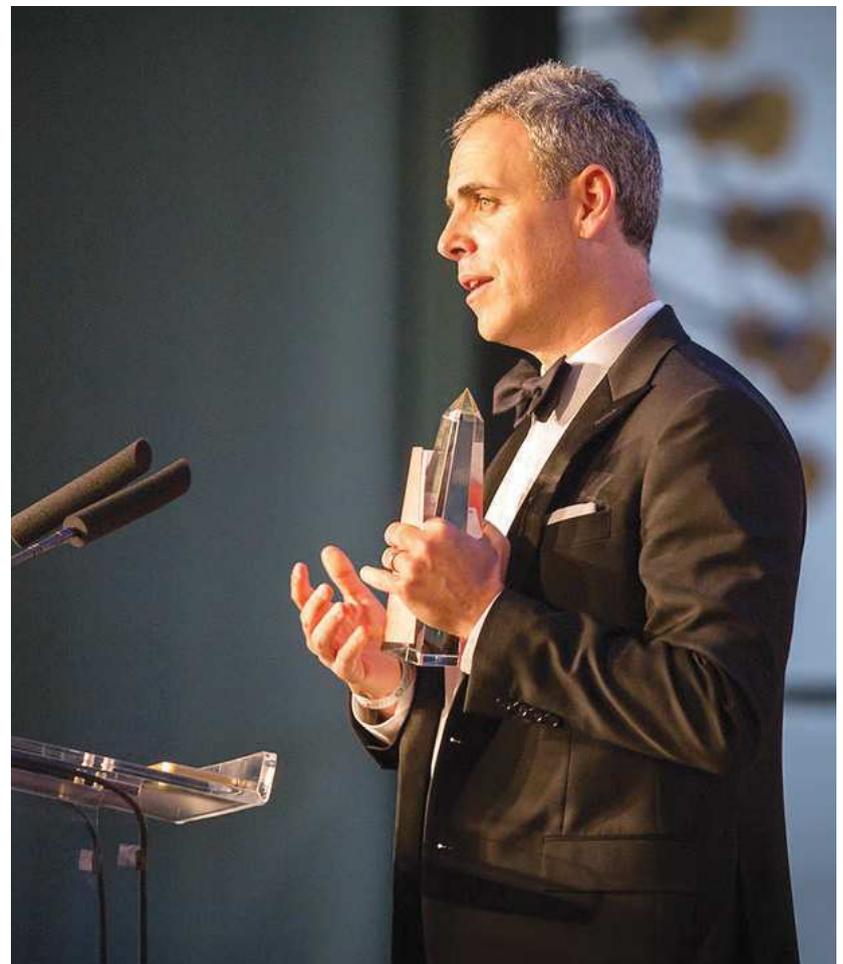
and Peru — and music from DJ Neekola — who literally rocked the dance floor, with everyone's help!

The RAMMYS is also a celebration of the communities that support our restaurants, and I am reminded of Brett Schulman's acceptance speech when Cava won Restaurateur of the Year. Brett said their work would not be possible without the fellow entrepreneurs and businesses that support them. Like our restaurant members, the RAMMYS are supported by the likes of Belair Produce, ACME Paper, ProFish, Republic National Distributing Company, and Coastal Sunbelt.

This year, our partners presented attendees with incredible new entertainment that even included a Citi Open player party where some of the world's best athletes got a taste of our incredible dining scene.

Cheers to the winners and to everyone who has been a part of making our industry shine.

We recognized and celebrated the finalists and winners in over 20 categories, and we took time to commend the hardworking individuals who make it their priority every single day to welcome guests with world-class hospitality. As an association that represents these champions of industry, I was delighted to open our doors and welcome everyone to a remarkable night of food and drinks from our partners in Argentina, Chile, Korea,



Cava Group's Brett Schulman, accepting Restaurateur of the Year, thanks fellow industry members