

Encore's Best of 2019

Downtown Nominations



Best Appetizers

Front Street Brewery
Circa 1922
Dram & Morsel

Best Atmosphere

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Best Bar

The Blue Post
Satellite Bar & Lounge
Cape Fear Wine and Beer

Best Bartender

Brandy Tomcany (Slainte)
Trista Nicosia (Goat and Compass)

Best Beer List

Cape Fear Wine and Beer
Pour Taproom

Best Biscuit

Dixie Grill

Best Breakfast

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Best Brewery

Waterline Brewery Co

Best Brunch

The Basics

Best Burger

Fork N Cork

Best Cheesesteak

Port City Cheesesteak

Best Chef

Sam Cahoon (Savorez)
Dean Neff (Pinpoint)

Best Coffee Shop

Bespoke Coffee and Dry Goods

Best Deli

Detour Deli

Best Desserts

Circa 1922

Best Diner

Dixie Grill

Best Donut

Wake N Bake

Best Fine Dining

Caprice Bistro
Pinpoint
Manna

Best French Food

Caprice Bistro

Best Ice Cream

Kilwins

Best Late Night Eatery

Front Street Brewery
A Slice of Life

Best Locally Made Beer

Kolsch- Waterline

Best Lunch

Copper Penny
Crust Kitchen and Cocktails

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Best Mixologists

Luke Carnevole (Manna)
Abbie Ovbey (Rumcow)

Best Neighborhood Bar

Barbary Coast
Duck & Dive Pub
Lula's Pub

Best New Bar

Tails Piano Bar

Best New Brewery

Edward Tech Brewery

Best New Restaurant

Benny's Big Time Pizzeria
Rumcow
Crust Kitchen & Crust

Best Oysters

Shuckin Shack
Dock Street Oyster Bar

Best Pizza

Slice of Life

Best Restaurant

Copper Penny
Pinpoint

Best Sandwich/ Sub

Detour Deli
Crust Kitchen & Cocktails

Best Server

Brandon Angelili (Copper Penny)
Letita Bass (Crust)

Best Sports Bar

Hell's Kitchen

Best Steak

Ruth's Chris Steak House

Best Sushi

Nikki's
Yosake

Best Tacos

Beer Barrio
Islands Fresh Mex

Best Waitstaff

The Basics
Copper Penny

Best Wine List

The Fortunate Glass
The Second Glass

Best Wings

Copper Penny

Best Alternative Medicine

The Hemp Factory

Best Apartment Complex

South Front District Apartments

Best Arcade/Game Room

Blue Post
Orton's Billiards & Pool Room

Best Book Store

Old Books on Front Street
Two Sisters Bookery

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Best Bottle Shop

Palate Bottle Shop & Reserve

Best Farmer's Market

Riverfront Farmer's Market

Best Place for a First Date

The Little Dipper

Best Gift Shop

Modern Legend

Best Hotel

Hotel Ballast

Embassy Suites by Hilton Wilmington

Riverside

Best Men's Clothing

Bloke

Best Pool Hall

Blue Post

Orton's Billiards & Pool Hall

Best Print Shop

Dock Street Printing

Best Shoe Store

Cape Fear Footwear

Best Tattoo Parlor

Hardwire Tattoo

Best Wedding Venue

Brooklyn Arts Center

Best Women's Clothes

Edge of Urge

Island Passage

Best Yoga Studio

Terra Sol Sanctuary

Best Art Gallery

Bottega Art and Wine Bar

Art in Bloom

Best Place to Buy Musical Instruments

Finklesteins

Best Place to Buy Music

Gravity Records

Best Cultural Programming

WHQR

Wilson Center

Best Dance Club

Pravda

Goodfellas Night Life

Ibiza

Best Event Planner

Kickstand Events

Best Gay Club

Tails Piano Bar

Bottega Art & Wine

Ibiza

Best Place for Karaoke

Bourbon Street

Reel Café

Best Live Music Venue

Pier 33

Wilson Center

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Best Museum

Children's Museum of Wilmington
Cape Fear Museum

Best Small Live Music Venue

Brooklyn Arts Center
Bourgie Nights

Best Open Mic

Goat & Compass
Dead Crow Comedy Club
Bottega Art & Wine

Best Theater Company

Opera House Theater Company
Thalian Association

Best Theater Company for Kids

TheatreNow

Best Theater Venue

Wilson Center @ CFCC
Thalian Hall
TheatreNow

Best Tours of Wilmington

Haunted Pub Crawl
Ghost Walk of Wilmington
Wilmington Water Tours

Best Trivia Night

Hell's Kitchen