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**Bartender
of the Year 2013**



Australia's toughest test of bartending ability just got tougher.

With great new sponsors on board and additions to the format, the *Bartender Magazine Bartender of the Year Competition* sponsored by ABSOLUT ELYX and Havana Club is pouring the pressure on.

Not only will you need to sit the rigorous written exam, mix your way through the mystery round and identify spirits blind, but should you make it to the Top 10 you'll have to perform in front of 600 of the country's most influential bartenders, bar managers and bar owners at the *Australian Bartender Magazine Bar Awards*.

All those brave bartenders who have thrown their caps into the ring for this year's competition will soon receive an email outlining the rules and the format for this year, and we'll need you RSVP by the end of August. Our advice? Get started on study now! You can pick up back issues of *Australian Bartender* in the iPad app.

If you think you should see your name in the list opposite and it isn't there, email sam@spantonmedia.com.

THE SCHEDULE:

Round #1

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: The Rook

Written Test...

All competing bartenders will sit a 60 question written exam. Be on time and bring your thinking cap! (A spare pen can't hurt either.) The Top 20 exam scorers will be announced at The Rook.

Round #2

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Time: 2:30pm - 5:00pm

Venue: The Rook

Mystery Round

The Top 20 will proceed to phase two – the ominously named 'Mystery Round'. The Top 20 will face a blind tasting and a mystery bar challenge to determine the Top 10.

Round #3

TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Time: 5:00pm

Venue: Doltone House

The Top 10 Mixology Round

The Top 10 takes place at the most prestigious event on the bartending calendar — in front of 600 industry heavyweights at the *Australian Bartender Magazine Bar Awards*. Each of the Top 10 will battle it out to see who can win Australia's ultimate bartending title.

The Competitors



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Aasha Sinha	The Rook	NSW
Adam Schell	Studio 153	QLD
Aidan White	Canvas	QLD
Alex Sayers	Char Restaurant	NT
Alex Archibald	Chilliwow	QLD
Anai Araya Rocha	Zeta Bar	NSW
Andrew Buntine	Katuk	VIC
Andrew Bennett	The Classroom	WA
Anita Strother	Malt Dining & Il Centro	QLD
Anthony Gardik	Aria	QLD
Anthony Cashman	Press Club	QLD
Av Chand	Kremlin Bar	ACT
Ben Lancaster	Kodiak Club	VIC
Ben Blair	Corner House	NSW
Blaire Gillespie	The Stokehouse Brisbane	QLD
Brendan Keown	The Hazy Rose	NSW
brendon Hill	Barenz	NSW
Chris Dengate	Miss Peaches	NSW
Cristiano Beretta	The Rook	NSW
Dan Jones	Café Sydney	NSW
Daniel Noble	Mojo Record Bar	NSW
Daniel Molnar	Godfish Hunter Valley	NSW
Daniel Gregory	Black Pearl	VIC
David Blair	Jimmy Liks	NSW
Davide Zanardo	Harlem on Central	NSW
Davide Bernacchia	Goldfish	NSW
Dean Sykes	Gardel's Bar	NSW
Dominic Polito	QT Hotel & Gilt Lounge	NSW
Duncan Thunder	Kremlin Bar	ACT
Erika Anderson	Trocadero	VIC
Evan Stanley	Black Pearl	VIC
Evan Gamkrelidze	Hugos Manly	NSW
Evelyn Liong	Whisky + Alement	VIC
Geoff Fewell	Lui Bar	VIC
James Hughes	Bowery	VIC
James Connolly	Rockpool B&G Perth	WA
Jessica Morrison	Firefly Neutral Bay	NSW
Jessica Arnott	The Roosevelt	NSW
Jimmy Snelgrove	Miss Peaches	NSW
Joey Tai	Brunswick Mess Hall	VIC
Jonathan Carr	The Wild Rover	NSW
Joseph Winika	Salt House	QLD
Joseph Sinagra	Bobèche	WA
Jovan Racic	Kremlin Bar	ACT

Katherine Wasiel	The Rook	NSW
Kenny Soetomo	Luxe Bar	WA
kyle Sewell	Hemmesphere	NSW
Lachy Sturrock	The Botanist/Bondi Hardware	NSW
Led Emmett	Lotus Dumpling & Wine Bar	NSW
Liam McDonald	Elsewhere Bar	QLD
Lola Taylor	Print Hall	WA
Loredana Lelli	Goldfish KX	NSW
Luigi Damato	Zaffran	NSW
Luke Hanzlicek	The Victoria Room	NSW
Luke Fleming	Cushdy	SA
Luke Ashton	Vasco	NSW
Matt Spittles	Freda's	NSW
Matt Le Rade	Pelicano	NSW
Matthew Fitzgerald	Palmer & Co.	NSW
Maurice Horgan	HWY Adelaide	SA
Max Gurtler	Kremlin Bar	SA
Merlin Jerebine	theloft	NSW
Mikey Lowe	The Wild Rover	NSW
Misty Hoeta	The George Basement	VIC
Monica Place	The Collins	SA
Natalie Ng	Mojo Record Bar	NSW
Natalie Dao	Kremlin Bar	ACT
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Nathan Pepper	The Corner House	NSW
Nathan Beasley	Black Pearl	VIC
Noriel Calub	Mojo Record Bar	NSW
Patrick Kanongataa	Zeta Bar	NSW
Perryn Collier	Alfred & Constance	QLD
Phoenix Naman	Palmer & Co	NSW
Rob Uldis Libecans	Black Pearl	VIC
Roman Tazhdynov	Horizons Cocktail Lounge	SA
Rowan McIntyre	Kremlin Bar	ACT
Sam Rowlands	Cabiria	QLD
Samuel Ng	Black Pearl	VIC
Sarah Fulford	Lily Blacks	VIC
Sean Chow	Press Club	QLD
Sebastian Soto	The Baxter Inn	NSW
Stephen Higby	Amor	TAS
Steve Elliot	Kremlin Bar	ACT
Steve Hubbard	Glass Bar & Dining	QLD
Steven Prasad	Libertine	QLD
Tom Price	Eau de Vie	NSW
William Cowley	Press Club	QLD

The following
bartenders listed
are in alpha-
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cording to given
name...

If you feel you
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