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ANNOUNCING 2010 JAZZ & RIB FEST BEST RIBS AWARDS WINNERS

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Jazz & Rib Fest, produced by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, announces the winners of the 2010 Best Ribs Awards. The 31st annual Jazz & Rib Fest took place July 23–25 in The Arena District along the riverfront.

Columbus Recreation and Parks Director Alan McKnight presented the winning rib burners with trophies Sunday evening. Twenty-three rib burners competed for Critic's Choice, Critic's All-Ohio Champion, Big Whigs' Award, People's Choice, and Best Sauce.

The 2010 Best Ribs Awards Winners

Critic's Choice <u>Champion:</u> Mojo's Rib Shack (<i>Diamond, Ohio</i>) <u>Runner-up:</u> Porky N' Beans (<i>Port St. Lucie, Florida</i>) <u>Third Place:</u> BBQ Masters (<i>Stockbridge, Georgia</i>)	Big Whigs' Award <u>Champion:</u> Butch's BBQ (<i>Mt. Laurel, New Jersey</i>) <u>Runner-up:</u> Smokin' Joe's Ribs (<i>Columbus, Ohio</i>)
Critic's All-Ohio Champion <u>Champion:</u> Mojo's Rib Shack (<i>Diamond, Ohio</i>) <u>Runner-up:</u> Smokin' Joe's Ribs (<i>Columbus, Ohio</i>)	People's Choice <u>Champion:</u> Big Boned BBQ (<i>Malta, Illinois</i>) <u>Runner-up:</u> Texas Outlaws BBQ (<i>Elizabethtown, Kentucky</i>)
Best Sauce: Porky N' Beans (<i>Port St. Lucie, Florida</i>)	

The 2010 Jazz & Rib Fest Judges

Professional Critics Jeff Wallace, <i>Kansas City Barbecue Certified Judge</i> Drew Mackert, <i>Kansas City Barbecue Certified Judge</i> Steve Hamm, <i>Kansas City Barbecue Certified Judge</i> Brian McGrath, <i>Kansas City Barbecue Certified Judge</i> Albert Thurn, <i>Kansas City Barbecue Certified Judge</i> Keith Kuhlmann, <i>Kansas City Barbecue Certified Judge</i> Mike Peters, <i>Kansas City Barbecue Society's Great American BBQ Tour</i> Troy Black, <i>Southern Living BBQ on Tour</i> Robert Skalada, <i>Crowne Plaza</i>	Big Whigs' Award Judges Dale Heydlauff, <i>American Electric Power</i> John McManus, <i>American Electric Power</i> Mark Spina, <i>Anheuser-Busch, Inc.</i> Ron Reynolds, <i>Columbus Distributing</i> DJ Mike J, <i>Smooth Jazz WJZA 103.5</i> Rob Wahl, <i>The CW Columbus</i> Jay Jude, <i>Sunbelt Rentals</i> Mike Borkowski, <i>Jeep Rocks & Road Tour</i> Alan McKnight, <i>Columbus Recreation and Parks Department</i>
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