

 **Darien's**
BEST BARTENDER
CONTEST
Presented by NEW CANAAN-DARIEN+ROWAYTON MAGAZINE

Brendan Fee & Darien Social Win Darien's Best Bartender Contest

New Canaan-Dairen & Rowayton magazine presented the inaugural Darien's Best Bartender Contest, a community happy hour benefiting the Community Fund of Darien.



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On Wednesday, September 21st, 2016 *New Canaan – Darien & Rowayton Magazine* presented its first *Best Bartender* competition in Darien's scenic Grove Street Plaza. At the event local mixologists competed against each other to stir up their most creative signature cocktail, and guests voted for their favorites. The winner, Brendan Fee from Darien Social, won the competition with his innovative Spiked Cucumber Martini. Brendan will be featured in the November-December issue of the magazine, along with photos of guests and competitors.

Darien's Best Bartender Contest also featured live music and seasonal light bites prepared by chefs from a variety of local restaurants, including Center Street Public House, Darien Social, Jimmy's Southside Tavern, Ten Twenty Post, The Goose American Bistro & Bar and The Melting Pot. Wine was provided by

Nicholas Roberts Fine Wine, and water was provided by Voss. Local Business Sponsors included Carta McAlister & Moore LLC, Helen Ainson, Jaguar Darien, Land Rover Darien, Le Boudoir and Pure Barre Darien. Flowers were provided by The Gardener's Center and Florist. Drinks and light bites were also served in the lovely, open-air venue at Grove Street Plaza. The event had a turnout of 200+ people and was a night to remember for all. "We were so thrilled to see so many people come out for our first annual event. We look forward to bringing this event to the Darien community for years to come" says Gabriella Mays, Publisher of *New Canaan-Dairen & Rowayton* and *Westport* magazines.

The event was produced by *New Canaan-Darien Magazine's* parent company, *Moffly Media*, which created the Best Bartender competition in Stamford, now an annual contest that draws guests from around the county.

The Community Fund's Executive Director Carrie Bernier said "The Community Fund of Darien is the proud beneficiary of Darien's "Best Bartender" event. We are grateful for the generosity of Moffly Media in donating 100 percent of the ticket sales to The Community Fund, and we will use the funds to meet our mission of building the safety net and meeting the critical human services needs of our most vulnerable residents in the greater Darien community." The 65-year-old organization makes grants to local nonprofits to ensure that critical services such as food, shelter and mental health are accessible and affordable to residents in Darien, Stamford and Norwalk. For more information about the group, visit its website, www.communityfunddarien.org.

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