



Submission Agency/Studio : Allegra Anderson Photography

Entry Name: What Chefs Really Think

Category: Editorial

Client: The New York Times

Renee Touponce is a James Beard nominated chef and the Executive Chef of The Oyster Club and The Port of Call in Mystic, Connecticut. For The New York Times food section I was given the assignment to photograph portraits and food images at The Port of Call. Because the Editors were interviewing chefs all across the country, I was asked to provide portraits taken both against a variety of seamless colorful backdrop and within the restaurant. With this in mind, I not only wanted to take beautiful images, but portraits that were authentic, striking and conveyed her personality. Renee's dedication to the Queer community is something she is known and respected for – and I wanted the images to convey that she is a strong woman to be admired and the embodiment of joy and positivity. My images were used both online and in print.

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