



Emily Luchetti

With six cookbooks to her credit and numerous awards, Emily Luchetti is chief pastry officer for Big Night Restaurant Group, she drives the pastry vision for The Cavalier, Marlowe, and Park Tavern and creates beautiful interpretations of some of the world's most beloved classic desserts.

The petite powerhouse is also the author of *Stars Desserts* (HarperCollins, 1991), *Four Star Desserts* (HarperCollins, 1995), *A Passion for Desserts* (Chronicle Books, 2003), *A Passion for Ice Cream* (Chronicle Books, 2006), and *The Fearless Baker* (Little, Brown and Company, 2011). Her first two books were rereleased as *Classic Stars Desserts* (Chronicle Books, 2007).

Luchetti's honors include the 1998 San Francisco Focus Magazine Pastry Chef of the Year, the 2001 Women Chefs & Restaurateurs Golden Whisk Award, the 2003 Food Arts magazine Silver Spoon Award, and the 2004 James Beard Foundation Award for Outstanding Pastry Chef. From 1994 to 1999, she served as chairperson of Women Chefs & Restaurateurs, and currently serves as a dean of the International Culinary Center in California and New York. In 2009, the San Francisco Chronicle chose Luchetti as one of 20 Visionary Chefs in the Bay Area, and she was inducted into the Culinary Pioneers of America. In 2012, she was inducted into the James Beard Foundation Who's Who of Food & Beverage in America. A JBF board member for six years now, Luchetti currently serves as the chairwoman. She previously served as vice chair for three years and also oversaw the awards committee.