

SMASH BURGER SMACK-DOWN: WHICH ONE IS BEST?

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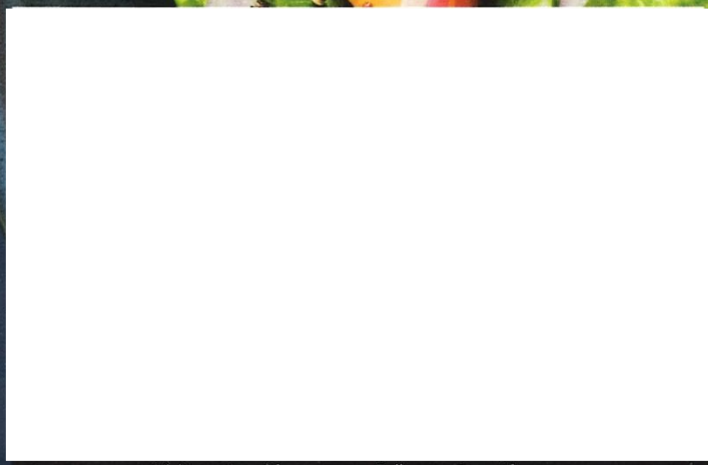
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## BEST NEW RESTAURANTS

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50 top spots  
to try now,  
for everything  
from salad  
to dessert



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## Setting the Bar

New restaurants aren't the only cause for celebration this year—a number of excellent new bars have joined the scene. Here are our favorites, along with suggestions for what to order at each

### HANNYATOU

Fremont, 1060 N 39th St.; 206.294.4104; hanyatou.com

Kamonegi chef Mutsuko Soma's new sake bar (conveniently located next door to her acclaimed soba restaurant)

**DRINK:** *The Curious and Curiouser* sake flight (\$16), a trio of tastes that demonstrates unusual sake styles

### BEN PARIS

Downtown, 130 Pike St.; 206.513.7303; benparis.com

The new State Hotel's bar and restaurant, with an old-school vibe and Instagram-bait mural by local illustrator Kyler Martz

**DRINK:** *The Lazy Bluebird* (\$18)—a vodka- and tequila-based cocktail accented with ginger, grapefruit and sparkling rosé, served in a deceptively heavy bird vessel  
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### BIRD IS THE WORD

Ben Paris is one of the year's best new bars, offering a stylish, old-school vibe (complemented by fantastic Kyler Martz mural (below), and clever cocktails, like the *Lazy Bluebird* (near left), which you drink straight from the metal bird vessel



### FOG ROOM

Downtown, 1610 Second Ave.; 206.256.7525; fogroomseattle.com

An epic space perched 16 stories up, atop the new Charter Hotel, where guests are treated to views of Elliott Bay

**DRINK:** *The Cloud Connected* (\$12)—a refreshing, effervescent mix of gin, elderflower, lemon and jasmine tea served from a tap for easy drinking

### SKÅL BEER HALL

Ballard, 5429 Ballard Ave. NW; 206.829.9615; skalballard.com

A much-anticipated Ballard beer hall with a Viking vibe

**DRINK:** *The Kon Tiki* (\$12)—a bold, unique combo of tropical flavors, caraway aquavit and IPA

### KELNERO

Edmonds, 545 Main St.; 425.967.5687; kelnero.bar

A charming new craft cocktail spot with live piano music  
**DRINK:** *A Scratch old fashioned* (\$20)—one of a few available variations on the classic drink, made with Edmonds-based Scratch whiskey c.l.