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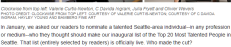
Here They Are: The Top 20 Most Talented People in Seattle



In January, we asked our readers to nominate a talented Seattle-area individual in any profession or industry who they thought should make our magazine one of the Top 20 Most Talented People in Seattle. That list previously selected by readers is officially live. Who made the cut?

Below, you'll find 20 incredibly talented individuals whose work in everything from the arts to the laboratory to the kitchen is inspiring and bringing out the best in others. Congratulations are in order.

Anthony Peters
Top dancer, owner of Pop Culture Studios in Greenwood



What one reader had to say: Anthony is a stunning top dancer and teacher. I have taken part from him both in classes and privately for over 12 years. He is a virtual encyclopedia of dance genres, techniques, and styles. He is in Seattle and artistic, choreographer and one of the most patient teachers I have ever known. He is an artist who cares deeply about his profession and about every single student at every level. He brings out the best in everyone and makes us super happy to be dancing. He has given a great amount of entertainment to the public over the years and, during the holidays, whatever dancing by to raising funds and charitable organizations. He is extremely talented and has made a difference for the better in many lives. Watching him dance puts me in awe and makes me smile!

Olivier Wevers
Choreographer, former Phil principal dancer and artistic director of Urban Motion



What one reader had to say: Incredible ability as a dancer and choreographer. And as an artistic director of Urban Motion

C. Davida Ingram
Contemporary and actor actress focuses on storytelling. She uses voice practice, performance art, and solo acoustic improvisation in her work. Inaugurated the 2014 Women of the Street Series. Author



What one reader had to say: Her intellect, her social practice and her grace

Richard Gray
Local composer and actor who has performed at many theaters around town including ACT and 5th Avenue. Recent credits include roles in the Assassins, The House, Hair, Carousel, Spontaneous and A Room with a View



What one reader had to say: He's a talented composer, actor and all-around entertainer. A true Seattle favorite

Alexandra Charneski
Owner of the award-winning restaurant and bar in Ballard



What one reader had to say: She is the nicest of the best in business that I've dealt with. In November 2013, she opened (relocated) margarita retail shop The Flavor Fix in Bellevue. Her store won two industry awards in 2013 (from Eater magazine), Best Store Allotment and Best Foodie location. Also a true business leader, and certainly one of the most talented people in Seattle

Cindee Khabani, BS, ELD
Laboratory director at Pacific Northwest Poetry



What one reader had to say: She has helped countless people become parents and build a family and all behind the scenes. Rarely is she able to reap the glory and gratitude from people who she has helped realize one's own quality behind closed air pressure controlled doors with the knowledge of how important her work is. One is a great mom and a cut

Maximilian Petty
Executive chef and owner of Eden Hill restaurant in Queen Anne



What one reader had to say: Maximilian is pushing the boundaries of culinary arts at his Seattle restaurant Eden Hill. A true talent

Ben Schuyler
Photographer whose inspiration relies on his surroundings: people, art, roads, flora and fauna



What one reader had to say: Ben is an extremely talented photographer who has become extremely popular in the metropolitan community. Along with a fellow photographer, he completed a cross-country photography trip called "The Road to Home" that was all about seeing the states of those who make their lives on the road. This trip was fully funded on Kickstarter, a business that was a great success and a true Seattle success

Ana Elford
Owner of downtown Seattle hip and its two sibling spots: No Anchor and New Strength, which are slated to open this summer



What one reader had to say: Not only did Ana Elford (aka Apple) open the cocktail-centric No Anchor in fall of 2008, one of the top bars in the country according to Eater.com, but she also opened Strength, a drinking academy and training resource, in 2011, providing her expertise for girl and home bartenders. Plus, she's been crafting drinks for Constellation Hospitality since 2012, including drinks for Edge's Centre and the Terrace Club Level at Salko Hotel and other locations, and is opening her own bar with her husband Chris this summer. Though it all, she's a pioneer in an amazing range of top-notch cocktails - she's a true bar talent!

John Keatley
Photographer whose work has appeared in Wired, Rolling Stone and The New York Times



What one reader had to say: He continuously puts out fantastic photographic work that can be seen all over Seattle, from magazines to billboards

Monique Laven
KING 7 evening anchor and reporter who recently launched the #SeattleWTF news project, which focuses on the different ways people in the community deal with sex crimes



What one reader had to say: She's the most talented journalist in this market and provides unique and thoughtful content on local media. Check out her #SeattleWTF news stories on Facebook

Julia Fryett
Cultural entrepreneur and founder of nonprofit organization All aboard and the international art fair and technology festival Star Line Festival



What one reader had to say: She's a real-life Seattle green hero from a grassy area, but she's a fun performer, even better player, and masterful composer of tunes that range from silly to serious and is a true Seattle success

Sarah Carter
Group sales manager at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel



What one reader had to say: She's an outstanding meeting professional who has not only been working at the Fairmont Olympic, where she is the lead and go to for all of her top clients to ensure they are performing, even better player, and masterful composer of tunes that range from silly to serious and is a true Seattle success

Ian Roberts
Co-owner of the first 5Star on Capitol Hill, organizer of the annual Craft Summit in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Chicago, and co-founder of Seattle Beer Week



What one reader had to say: Ian advocates for craft beer and consistently curates the best top 50 in the region. He also helps out saving the Seattle Craft Summit every September here in Seattle, bringing new ones to the new year

Gordon Naccarato
Chancellor and vice president of Tacoma-based Naccarato Restaurant Group, which owns the Pacific City Restaurant, Pacific Grill Diner & Catering, and Cassara by Pacific City in the Lakemeadow neighborhood



What one reader had to say: Chef Gordon is a great chef and Tacoma kid. Named to Food and Wine magazine's list of 20 best chefs in the Pacific Northwest. He keeps innovating, his restaurants are perfect new upscale food in a relaxed atmosphere

Russell Wilson
Quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks



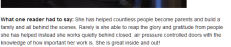
What one reader had to say: He's helped take our team to two consecutive Super Bowls and was victorious in one. He gives back off the field, too, with his weekly visits to the Seattle Children's Hospital. We're lucky to have such a talented leader and stellar person at the helm of our football team

Linda Waterfall
Folk musician and singer-songwriter who released her 14th album, method notebook CD, in 2015



What one reader had to say: Linda is truly a Seattle green hero from a grassy area, but she's a fun performer, even better player, and masterful composer of tunes that range from silly to serious and is a true Seattle success

Valerie Curtis-Newton
Lead of performance, acting and directing at the University of Washington School of Drama, artistic director for The Necessary Project, a professional African-American theater group



What one reader had to say: She's been creating amazing theater in the Seattle area and beyond. Her work has been instrumental in helping recruit future Seattle theater artists

Michael Meade
Founder of the local #SeattleWTF Foundation, a local Seattle-based nonprofit network of artists, activists, and community outsiders that encourages greater understanding between diverse people

What one reader had to say: He offers others some insight into what it's like to have an idea, to have a business, to have a home, to have a life, and a history of depth that makes him a confident to those with curiosity. He is a storyteller and mythographer whose business stories help us gain insight into our lives and our work

Kelly Kitchens
Assistant Artistic Director at the Seattle Public Theater



What one reader had to say: She's one of Seattle's most phenomenal actors, and is one of the city's up-and-coming director!

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