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You Voted: Here are Your Favorite Gaslamp District Mixologists

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These Mixologists Really Know how to Mix Things Up

San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter, better known as the Gaslamp District, has some of the best dining, shops, hotels and restaurants/pubs. With a radius of about 16 blocks, this historical downtown neighborhood also offers one amazing night life experience. Gaslamp is topped with some of the best nightclubs and bars that bring creativity to the table. In the midst of it all, there are mixologists waiting to serve you up a cocktail or two. In our recently released poll, readers voted for their favorite mixologists. Here are the top winners that will make San Diego's Gaslamp District experience that much better. Cheers!

Jesse Juarez, Bartender at Brian's 24



Q: What steps did you take in becoming Brian's 24 top mixologist?

Jesse Juarez: Reading. I read all I could about drinks, different spirits and beers as well as knowing what to expect from the aroma, to the taste, to the after taste.

Q: How does it feel to be picked as one of Gaslamp's top mixologist?

JJ: Exciting! To have so many friends and past customers who remember me, all voting, really felt special. Even new customers I met that week! Thank you all so much!

Q: How did you adapt to the fast paced environment of bartending?

JJ: Experience, years of experience it just takes time to get yourself in a routine, learning your wells and memorizing cocktails. I don't think I am the fastest. I just make sure my drinks get out quickly and correct.

Q: What is one of your favorite drinks to make?

JJ: A Whisky Rickey, it's a forgotten cocktail that is simple to make and easy to experiment with. I like to add a couple of mint leaves for more refreshment.

Q: Quick fun fact about yourself?

JJ: Me being from Texas, I actually got in the industry to be a bouncer. I was asked to help behind the bar once and enjoyed the experience. The rest is history.