

## A.Fusion: The "American Idol" of Asian Dining?

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American Idol is back on the "boob tube," and Steven Tyler's big mouth screams "food for thought!" ever-so loudly! I assume

Steven Tyler's abnormally, large-structured mouth must have more teeth in it than that of the Average Joe's. Anyway, "American Idol's" judges vary widely in mouth size, chops, genres, etc., as well as, do its contestants, making it a hit amongst the masses.

Could going to Matteson's, A.Fusion, capture and please just about everyone, like watching "American Idol" does?

I went to the recently remodeled, A.Fusion Restaurant, which sections



Two of the many fabulous dishes at A. Fusion.

bring either a tropical, fun and romantic feel or a hip, sophisticated tone (not to mention the spacious patio with flattering lighting in the evening.) It is also important to note, A.Fusion's seats were comfortable enough for seemingly deflated rump cheeks such as mine! One single chair could house 2 or so J.Lo-resembling Big and Beautiful booties, simultaneously and painlessly, also.

A.Fusion has separate menus for every type of food available (Chinese, Japanese and Thai), and a humongous selection of each. Therefore, I highly suggest to not take people, who are notorious for taking long to order, with you if you are starving. One might opt to bite their heads off, not having chicken chow mien, but human chow mien, instead.

Out of approximately 15 competing samples on the party platter I ate, and the few prepared by Spanish/English-speaking, Hibachi Chef, Luciano, it's a "toss up" between 14!

Finally, I decided the 3rd runner up is: The Hibachi scallops that were moist and tender--not rubbery in any fashion, paired with a light, mild savory sauce.

Second is: The Bagel Maki, if you're a fan of cream cheese, this heavenly dish was made for you! And, the winner is: The Green Tea flavored ice cream, in a rice wrapping, an additional sensuous texture on the tongue and roof of the mouth!



A Fusion's has notably warm and friendly servers which tends to be a sign of great food at restaurants.

No wonder A.Fusion was voted #25 on the "Top 100 List for Asian Restaurants," and their prices are reasonable!

A.Fusion is unique for an asian restaurant in the south suburbs, mainly, since it has a fusion of differing asian cuisine, smoothies (33), and cocktails A-Z. Plus, A.Fusion can host a party of up to 400 people, so have your "American Idol Viewing Bash" there, and be a star on their dance floor, weekends with A.Fusion's varying DJs!

A.Fusion is, indeed, the "American Idol" of Asian dining, having something to satisfy everybody. Whether it be dishes of pop chinese, rockin'

Japanese or country Thai. Lastly, I wish you luck in hearing "You're going to A.Fusion!"

I'd like to thank owner, Johnny Zheng, and general manager, Alex, for being exceptionally personable and generous.

Visit their website for more info and services provided at: [www.afusiononline.com](http://www.afusiononline.com)

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During the 7th Annual Top 100 Chinese Restaurants in the USA Awards ceremony recently held in San Francisco in this January, 2011, A. Fusion received recognition as one of the Top 100 Asian Restaurants in USA in the category of "Top 100 Overall Excellence".