

# BARISTA GUILD OF AMERICA

**Barista Buddy Guide**

**2011**

**For the South West Regional**

**Barista** Competition

## *Barista Buddy: Mac Pearce*

### ☛ CAFÉS YOU SHOULD VISIT

INTELLIGENTSIA  
CAFECITO ORGANICO  
FIX COFFEE  
JONES COFFEE ROASTERS  
BRU  
CAFE DE LECHE  
COFFEE BEAN & TEA LEAF

[INTELLIGENTSIACOFFEE.COM](http://INTELLIGENTSIACOFFEE.COM)  
[CAFECITOORGANICO.COM](http://CAFECITOORGANICO.COM)  
[FIXCOFFEECO.COM](http://FIXCOFFEECO.COM)  
[THEBESTCOFFEE.COM](http://THEBESTCOFFEE.COM)  
[BRUCOFFEEBAR.COM](http://BRUCOFFEEBAR.COM)  
[CAFEDELECHE.NET](http://CAFEDELECHE.NET)  
[COFFEEBEAN.COM](http://COFFEEBEAN.COM)

### ☛ PLACES TO EAT

SABINAS, PHILLIPES, THE HAT, IL CAPRISIO, WON KOK

### ☛ FUN LOCAL HOT SPOTS

THE MUSEUM OF JURASSIC TECHNOLOGY, LA TIME TRAVEL MART,  
HOLLYWOOD FARMERS MARKET ON SUNDAY, EATON CANYON TRAILS OUT  
OF ALTADENA, VROMANS BOOKSTORE

### ☛ GOURMET GROCERS

WHOLE FOODS (L.A.)  
6350 WEST 3RD ST  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90036

WHOLE FOODS (W. HOLLYWOOD)  
7871 SANTA MONICA BLVD  
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046

HOLLYWOOD FARMERS MARKET  
1600 IVAR AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90028

### ☛ SMALLWARES

SUR LA TABLE  
161 WEST COLORADO BOULEVARD  
PASADENA, CA 91105

SURFAS  
8777 WASHINGTON BLVD  
CULVER CITY, CA 90232

➤ **When did you realize that coffee was your one true love and you were totally obsessed?**

I THINK I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BECOME MY LIFE WHEN I TASTED MY FIRST SHOT OF GREAT ESPRESSO. FROM THERE ON OUT, I WAS TRYING TO FIND DIFFERENT WAYS TO IMPROVE UPON WHAT I'D LEARNED AND GET AS MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE TRADE AS POSSIBLE. I'VE SPENT A LOT OF MY TIME TEACHING OTHERS THE STUFF I'VE LEARNED AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO TEACH THE NEXT PERSON. I WANT A WORLD OF BARISTAS.

➤ **What coffee accessory could you not live without?**

MY BIG OL' TAMPER. I HAVE HUGE BEAR HANDS AND I NEED A TAMP THAT FITS THEM RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT IT. IN SECOND, COMES A GREAT KITCHEN SCALE. CAN'T BREW GREAT COFFEE WITHOUT A BIT OF ACCURACY.

➤ **What is the best part about being a part of the BGA community?**

THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING IN THE BGA IS ACCESS TO ALL THESE COOL THINGS. AFTER CAMP PULL-A-SHOT, I WAS REALLY STOKED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET ALL THESE RAD PEOPLE AND SINCE THEN, I'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MANY OF THEM AND SOME GREAT FRIENDSHIPS HAVE COME OUT OF IT. ALSO, THIS KINDA STUFF, BEING A BARISTA BUDDY AND SUCH, GETS ME PRETTY EXCITED. I HOPE Y'ALL COMPETITORS DO REALLY WELL, BEST OF LUCK AND STAY DANGEROUS.

➤ **What's your favorite part about living in the SW region?**

THE WEATHER KIND OF WINS IT FOR ME, BUT THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT IS FOUND IN WHATEVER CITY YOU LIVE IN IS WONDERFUL. LIVING AND WORKING IN PASADENA, I'VE COME TO KNOW AND LOVE A LOT OF THE LOCALS. THE PEOPLE I MEET HAVE THE SAME PASSION FOR WHAT THEY DO THAT I HAVE FOR COFFEE, WHICH I FIND TO BE INSPIRING. BUT THE AMOUNT OF OPTIONS FOR WHATEVER ACTIVITIES IS TOO GREAT. I DON'T REALLY WANNA GO ANYWHERE ELSE.

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