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The Plumed Horse Voted Scottish Restaurant of the Year!

Having regained its Michelin star in January, my favourite restaurant, The Plumed Horse in Leith was last night awarded AA Scottish Restaurant of the Year.

This crowns off a momentuous and successful year for the restaurant and its chef patron, Tony Borthwick, and will rightly silence Edinburgh's bitchy critics.



The Plumed Horse Regains its Michelin star!



My favourite restaurant, The Plumed Horse in Leith has got its Michelin star back.

Chef, Tony Borthwick, whose Plumed Horse restaurant achieved a Michelin star in 2001 while it was based in Crossmichael, near Castle Douglas, moved the restaurant to Leith at the end of 2007.

The refurbishment of the building took quite a bit longer than anticipated and, when it finally opened towards the end of December, 2007, Tony seemed to have upset the Edinburgh scribblers by daring to open in Edinburgh. He experienced a lot of bad and very bitchy press including one reviewer who drank too much and couldn't remember what he ate. Because the restaurant's menu changes every day, this reviewer checked The Plumed Horse website and reviewed the menu listed there. But that was the menu for the day *after* he had eaten at the restaurant.

Tony has always produced fabulous food. I remember visiting him once when, in his kitchen I was handed an espresso cup and a spoon and told to taste it. It was gorgeous, a green pea and cucumber cappuccino! This was something he was experimenting with and I don't know if it ever went onto a menu, but it should have!

Anyway, he has now regained his star and, on Radio Scotland this morning, said that he doesn't expect to be raising his prices. He is a Yorkshireman and sees restaurateurs who hype up their prices just because they have received an accolade as greedy.

Get on down there and experience it for yourself.

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