



Mango Tree Press Release

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MANGO TREE AWARDED TOP 30 INDIAN RESTAURANT IN THE UK



Mango Tree triumphed at the recent **Best in Britain Awards (BIBA)** hosted at the National Theatre on London's Southbank by scooping two awards and one finalist position as the UK's top ethnic restaurants were announced on June 13th 2005. Now it has been awarded as one of the prestigious **Top 30 Indian Restaurants in the UK** as well as winning the **Best Wine List of the Year** and Head Chef Mariappan Sethurajapillai's **Allepey King Prawn** dish was also a finalist for the **Best Seafood Recipe**.

Over 300 delegates attended the BIBA ceremony sponsored by Carlsberg UK, from restaurants in Glasgow, Cardiff and even restaurateurs flew in from France to join the celebration of the UK's best Indian restaurants. Organiser of the awards Peter Grove said "This has been the best yet in the 13 years of these awards. The standards just keep getting better and this time the public made their opinions known in the hundreds of thousands".

Co-owners of Mango Tree Raj Ram and George Kattapuram said they were 'absolutely delighted' to have won the awards and proud to be the 'flying the flag' for the Midlands'. Head chef Mariappan Sethurajapillai, who worked with top celebrity chef Keith Floyd on his hit series "Floyd's India", joined the Mango Tree from one of the UK's most exclusive Indian restaurants – Veeraswamy in London, the UK's oldest Indian restaurant.

Mango Tree opened its doors to the public in November 2003 and is already the winner of the **Best Ethnic Restaurant** in the **Taste of Staffordshire Good Food Awards 2004**. Situated on the Chester Road in Stonnall, Mango Tree's ambience is integral to their success – a contemporary environment in the Staffordshire countryside with splashes of India throughout.