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The nominations are in! Meet the
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Meet the contenders
and find out how
to cast your 2007
Best Bartender ballot

By Karen Budell

Can we get a drink, stat? We've been pretty damn busy selecting our Top 10 Best Bartenders from your 200-plus nominations. It's high time we — and you — relax and get to know the masterful mixologists who made the cut.

Read about the barkeeps here,

then go visit them and try their drinks. Most important, go to metromix.com to cast a vote for your favorite. Your Final 5 go on to mix it up at our fourth annual Best Bartender Bash on Oct. 3 at Evil Olive. Polls are open at metromix.com now through 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

Danny Woods, 37

MARTINI PARK (151 W. ERIE ST. 312-640-0577)



Signature drink:

Strawberry Basil
Martini, \$10

We like our drinks with ice, ice, baby. And if our bartender used to be a backup dancer for Vanilla Ice, well, even bet-

ter. Believe it or not, Dallas native Danny used to cruise teen dance clubs with friend and fellow Texan Rob Van Winkle, before Rob turned into a one-hit wonder. Danny, a single dad, recently left the Lone Star state for a new home in Uptown and a gig sling-ing drinks at the new Martini Park.

Catch him: Wednesday through Saturday