

Joseph Schmidt

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Award-Winning Chocolatier

Award-winning chocolatier Joseph Schmidt has turned the craft of chocolate making into an art form where the masterpieces are as delicious as they are beautiful. From hand-painted chocolate *Mosaics*™ and signature dome-shaped truffles to elaborate chocolate sculptures, Joseph's talent and passion for the art of chocolate is world-renowned.

Joseph began training under the tutelage of European chefs at a young age where he developed a passion for confections. In 1983, after working in the culinary field for a number of years, he and partner Audrey Ryan opened a shop in San Francisco where they quickly became known for their exquisite chocolate creations. Joseph worked to perfect his craft, developing new techniques and honing his artistic skills. The distinctive egg-shaped truffle became the company's trademark and is known throughout the industry as the "American" truffle. Joseph quickly became one of the world's premier chocolate sculptors.

Today, as an award winning chocolatier, Joseph Schmidt has earned the reputation of the "Rodin of Chocolate," and his chocolate sculptures have been displayed at the American Crafts Museum in New York. Special commissions have included: an Eiffel Tower for the French Ambassador, a 25 pound cable car for the Queen of England, a white dove for Nelson Mandela and a giant panda for Prince Philip and the World Wildlife Organization.

After over 20 years in the chocolate business Joseph's passion for designing and sculpting chocolate have not diminished. He can still be found in the Joseph Schmidt Confections™ factory hand painting truffles or developing innovative new chocolates to please the eyes and palate. He travels extensively to personally introduce consumers to his world-renowned creations.

Joseph resides in San Francisco.

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