While Los Angeles hasn't caught on to the Bean to Bar movement, there are a handful of artisan

chocolatiers producing notable products. From funky flavors to traditional tastes, here are our city's best. -Cathy Chaplin

Compartes Chocolatier

Los Angeles, CA 90049 (310) 826-3380 More Info Compartes has been churning out some of the

912 S Barrington Ave

city's best handmade chocolates for the past 50 years. The shop is currently helmed by 24-yearold Jonathan Grahm, who is best known for his unconventional flavors and artful presentations. Innovative creations like raspberry pink pepper, candied fennel, and beer-infused truffles were inspired by his travels in Venezuela, Asia, and Europe.



444 North Canon Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 (310) 275-0341

Edelweiss Chocolates

225 26th Street Santa Monica, CA 90049

(310) 656-0306

More Info Edelweiss Chocolates has been a Beverly Hills staple since 1942. Their entire collection of

John Kelly Chocolates

chocolates are handmade in their Beverly Hills



The folks at John Kelly refer to their signature product as "truffle fudge" for its irresistibly rich and creamy consistency. Instead of standard ganache, the chocolatier uses old-fashioned fudge coated in

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walnut, peanut butter, and raspberry. L'Artisan du Chocolat

L' Artisan du Chocolat has been making artful

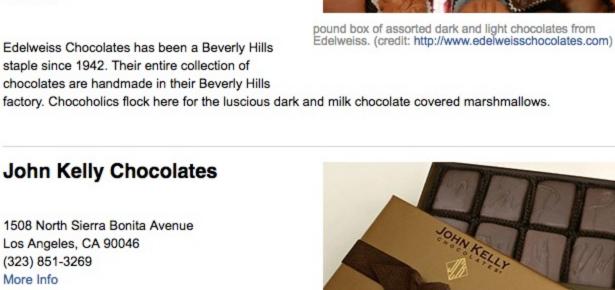
chocolates from scratch at their Silverlake shop since 2003. In addition to classic truffles, the shop also offers an "avant-garde" collection with unique

flavors like kalamata olive, bacon, Korean garlic,

semisweet chocolate. Fillings include chocolate-



The kalamata olive truffle from L'Artisan du Chocolate. (credit: http://www.lartisanduchocolat.net)





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Madame Chocolat

212 North Canon Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210-5302

and Japanese red bean.

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New York, Hasty Torres returned to her native Los Angeles to establish Madame Chocolat. After five years of planning and preparation, she opened the shop to wide acclaim. Her newest line of products includes chocolate covered Oreos, liquor bonbons, and Madame's chocolate s'mores.

After years of studying under master pastry chef and chocolatier Jacques Torres (her husband) in





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Valerie Confections

More Info Founded in 2004 by Valerie Gordon and Stan Weightmanm Jr., Valerie Confections has become

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indulgences like artisan toffees and chocolate citrus bark, as well as special occasion creations like the Coffee Crunch Cake and Lemon Crunch Cake. Cathy Chaplin is a Los Angeles-based food writer and photographer. Her widely-

a local favorite in just a few short years. Customers are hooked on their everyday



publications including National Geographic, Saveur, and Time Out Vietnam.

read blog Gastronomy has been featured in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Saveur.com. Ms. Danh's food writings have appeared in numerous



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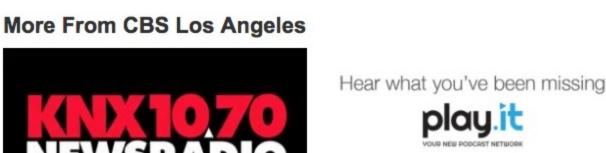
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