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CELEBRITY CHEF PROFILES

Darren Simpson

Award-winning head chef Darren Simpson serves Italian inspired gastronomies at Sydney's water-front restaurant, Aqua Luna. Charmed with wit of his Irish birthplace and culinary talents, at age 21, Darren was the youngest chef ever to win the UK Young Chef of the Year Award.

From 1992, his cooking sojourns include the London Kitchens of La Gavroche, Bibendum, Fulham Road, The River Café and was Head Chef at Sir Terrence Conran's Sartoria.

Now calling Australia home, Darren is resident chef of highest rating morning current affairs program Channel 7's 'Sunrise'. His other credits include presiding as regular judge on Channel 7's smash hit reality show, 'My Restaurant Rules'; Food Editor and Presenter of Channel 10's lifestyle program 'Live This'; and contributions to various national and international publications such as Sydney Morning Herald's Good Living and Esquire Magazine.



Gabriel Gaté

Gabriel Gaté is a French chef, cookery author and television presenter with an international reputation. Gabriel was born in the Loire Valley of France in 1955 and served his chef's apprenticeship with Albert Augereau, the best chef of the region. After working at some of the finest restaurants in Paris and London, he came to Australia in 1977 with his Melbourne-born wife, Angie.

The sale of Gabriel's cookbooks have reached the one million mark.

Gabriel is expert in teaching kids to cook, and his book 'How to Teach Kids to Cook' has been highly acclaimed. 'Good Food for Men', published in 1996, has won several international awards. His latest book, 'A Guide to Everyday Cooking', aims to teach the home cook the joys of cooking.

As one of the most talented cookery show presenters, Gabriel has presented over 2000 recipes on television and has hosted several cooking shows.



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Simon Thomsen

When he's not out to lunch or dinner (and sometimes breakfast) as co-editor of *Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide*, Simon Thomsen is editor of *The Northern Rivers Echo* newspaper in Lismore, northern NSW.

He worked as a waiter and chef around the world for many years before returning to Australia, where he cooked at the Balmoral Bather's Pavilion before deciding to swap his knife for a pen.

Simon has reviewed restaurants for the *SMH Good Food Guide* for the past seven years, writes about food for 'Good Living' and other publications, and was involved in the Northern Rivers regional cuisine project.

Every year, he traverses the state, visiting more than 100 restaurants in regional NSW, and can tell you where to get everything from a ripper pie to a decent coffee made from locally grown beans.



Lyndey Milan

Lyndey Milan is an energetic multi-award-winning communicator, author, teacher and presenter on all things gastronomic.

Food Director of *The Australian Women's Weekly* for over four years, she is co-host of *Fresh - Cooking with The Australian Women's Weekly* on the Nine Network and holds honorary positions including as RAS Councillor, on the Food and Wine Tourism Advisory Committee for Tourism NSW and as Immediate President of the Food Media Club Australia Inc. She is also a Past President of The Wine Press Club of NSW.



Simon Marnie

Currently employed at 702 ABC Sydney as Weekend Presenter, and with The LifeStyle FOOD Channel,

Simon Marnie also judges food for the Royal Agricultural Society's Fine Food Awards, is an Associate Judge for the Australian Food Media Club Awards, and reviews restaurants for the *Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide*.

Simon indulges in gastro-porn at the drop of a hat, it has been his past-time for the past few years, and indeed his life support for a few years before then. If there is exciting new food at the table, Simon is there saying grace in any form.



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