

## *The Story So Far...*

Many moons ago Simon Dickinson attended Westminster Culinary School in London where he attained 706/1 and 706/2 City and Guilds Diplomas in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

"Right, I'm off," he said. Off to explore the endless possibilities in the chef, catering and food industry. Back then I had no idea I would cook all over the world, from London to Chicago, Seattle to San Francisco, Queenstown New Zealand to Sydney and Brisbane in Australia. Oh! And every major city in Europe!

In those days, you would hear the expression "team player" being used and though I had no idea what it meant, I knew it had nothing to do with soccer.

Over the years I was very fortunate to have worked on some very good teams. Cooking for a small party of ten one day, to a high society sit down for two thousand the next;

from dot.com companies to President Clinton's U.N. Fiftieth Anniversary dinner. Film stars, rock stars and royalty, the names and faces are just that, what was important was the way in which these events were done with such precise detail.

While living in San Francisco, I went to work for *Paula LeDuc Fine Catering* and *Taste* for six years as a chef. These companies both constantly raised the bar in putting on such huge catered events. Cooking in the woods... no problem, on boats... no problem, film premiers on Alcatraz Island... no problem! The staff that made these events work so well are without a doubt some of the most dedicated folks on the planet.

One of the most challenging and fun jobs I have had was cooking on the road for various rock, funk, r&b and soul groups. Travelling throughout Europe, setting up kitchens in all kinds of arenas, both indoor and outdoor. Often you would have no idea what kind of food you

were cooking. With every meal you had to stretch the imagination to incorporate local foods and produce. Keeping the meals versatile was interesting, making the backstage areas look like posh restaurants was always a unique experience. Once again, the comraderie and team effort that went into these shows was outstanding. Hats off to all the folks and thanks to all who showed me the ropes.

Well, guess what? I'm looking for a team. A team like the ones I've just talked about or better. I feel I bring a positive outlook. Challenges and change are constant.

I look forward to working with you

Warmest Regards,

Simon Dickinson

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