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FREELANCE EXECUTIVE CHEF



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FREELANCE EXECUTIVE • BANQUET/CATERING • FOOD STYLIST

Innovative chef with an exceptional record of service and experience at such noted venues as the Oscars, Emmys and Grammy Awards. More than 15 years experience in all facets of cooking and management for private, public and corporate events. Excels in supervising large staff of 100 or more. (Clip of *Food Network* coverage of Wolfgang Puck's Governors Ball available upon request.)
Additional experience:

- Altering menus to client taste, as necessary, or as situations dictate
- Quick production under pressure
- Staff hiring and training
- Expense management
- Capacity planning
- Catering services and event planning
- Quality assurance
- Creation of menus and new items

PRIVATE EXECUTIVE CATERING CHEF

1998–present

Greater Los Angeles area (CA)

Provide menus, execute food service and oversee staff for events in private homes (short sample of client list):

- Henry and Stacey Winkler
- Robert Desidario and Judith Light
- Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas
- Denzel and Pauletta Washington
- Barbra Streisand
- Calista Flockheart and Harrison Ford

FREELANCE EXECUTIVE CHEF

1996–present

Greater Los Angeles area (CA)

Execute menus provided by clients and run kitchen at parties:

- Bread and Butter Catering
- Off the Wall Catering
- Marmalade Café and Restaurant

- Paul's Kitchen
- EventKings
- Oh Eric! Productions

BANQUET/CATERING MANAGER FOR LARGE OFF-SITE EVENTS

1996–present

Greater Los Angeles area (CA)

Build temporary kitchens, ordering, organization of staff duties and timeline; overseeing wait staff of 300 and kitchen staff of 100 at events such as the Oscars, Emmys, Grammys, Golden Globes, etc. at venues such as the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion and the Shrine. Management of meal production for more than 1800 people, at times.

- Spago, Wolfgang Puck
- Sequoia, Cheryl Cecchetto
- Patina/RA Group
- Ambrosia

SPECIAL EVENT

1998–2002

Universal Studios backlot (CA)

Wolfgang Puck's liaison to 36 or more top chefs from around the world, built outdoor kitchens for each according to their specifications, managed the event to raise money for Meals on Wheels.

FOOD STYLIST

2000–Present

Greater Los Angeles area (CA)

Styling, co-ordinating and producing recipes for still photographs (holiday cookbook, etc.) and on-camera shots (DIY Network)

- Weekend Entertaining, DIY; Michelle Dotson, producer
- Celebrations, A Joyous Guide to Holidays from Past to Present, by Jeanne Benedict
- An Affair to Remember, by Judy Kessler, Ian Sudano Catering
- Marmalade Restaurant and Catering publicity photos