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An amuse-bouche to whet the appetite.

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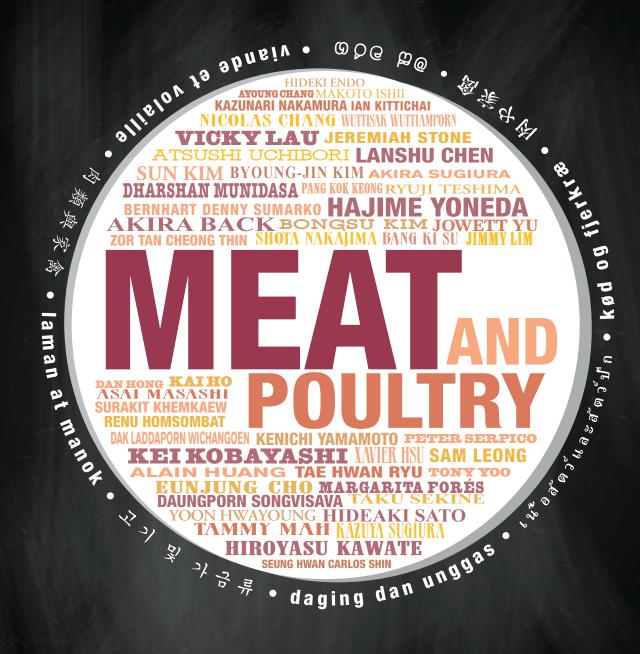
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ALAIN HUANG Executive Chef, RAW Taipei, Taiwan French cuisine

Cooking style Ideas inspired from memory and presented spontaneously into reality.

commonly used in Taiwan.

Background story behind this dish At RAW, we often use modern Western techniques with Taiwanese ingredients to redefine traditional Taiwanese flavours. This dish pays homage to my Taiwanese roots as it combines Western ingredients such as barley risotto and quail with soy crumbs, an ingredient that is very



Biggest achievement I don't dwell on my past achievements because I believe there will always be room for improvement, and it has become my motivation to be better than who I was.

Earliest memory with food

First dumpling that I made by myself. It was the first time I cooked for my family, and my parents were really proud of me.

Quail with Leek and Barley

Serves 2-4

2 quails

30 g (1 oz) honey 100 ml (3¹/₂ fl oz / ²/₅ cup) light soy sauce 2 leeks 100 g (3¹/₂ oz) soy crumbs 75 g (2³/₅ oz) butter 300 g (11 oz) barley 500 g (1 lb 1¹/₂ oz) baby spinach, blanched 200 ml (6³/₄ fl oz / ⁴/₅ cup) chicken stock

Oil as needed Salt to taste Ground white pepper to taste

GARNISH 5 silver onions, peeled and sliced into rings

METHOD

Marinate quails with honey and light soy sauce. Set aside for 2 hours.

Drain quails and air-dry in fridge for another 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 230°C (450°F). Roast leeks until soft and tender. Set aside.

Toast soy crumbs in a pan until golden brown. Add butter and cook until fragrant.

Boil barley in lightly salted water until soft.

Place blanched spinach and chicken stock in a food processor and process into a smooth purée. Mix barley with spinach purée.

Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F). Heat sufficient oil for deep-frying in a pan until 185°C (365°F) and deep-fry quails for 2 minutes. Drain and place in oven for 1 minute. Set aside to rest for 1 minute before seasoning with salt and pepper. Cut quails into half.

Serve quail with barley and spinach purée, leeks and soy crumbs. Garnish with onion rings.



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AKIRA BACK

Owner and Executive Chef, YELLOWTAIL JAPANESE RESTAURANT Las Vegas, USA

Japanese cuisine

Cooking style Innovative and fresh.

Biggest achievement

My biggest achievement in my professional career was opening up my namesake Akira Back Restaurants in New Delhi and Jakarta, with more opening in Toronto, Singapore, Dubai and Bangkok.

Main inspiration My mother. I hope to be able to cook as

well as she does.

Cooking philosophy My philosophy in the kitchen is to hire chefs that are more talented than I am. They bring fresh ideas to me and we create as a team.

I just want to be happy. Earliest memory with food

Dreams and aspirations

My mother always tried to feed me seafood when I was younger and I had not built a taste for it yet. She used to hide candy flavours in the fish so I would eat it.

Worst thing about being a chef The hardest part about being a chef and having global operations is being away from my family.

Go-to food after a busy dinner service I like to eat American-style turkey sandwiches.

Popcorn Amadai

Serves 10

1 *amadai* (tilefish) 50–60 g (2 oz), cleaned

Grapeseed oil as needed

SALT WATER BATH

900 ml (30 fl oz / $3^4\!/_5$ cups) water

35 g (1¹/₅ oz) salt

2–4 small pieces kombu

LEMONGRASS AIR

330 g (11³/₅ oz) lemongrass, chopped

1 white onion, peeled and cut into large chunks

170 g ($5^2/_3$ oz) unsalted butter

670 ml (22³/₅ fl oz / 2⁴/₅ cups) Akira Back sake or regular sake

2 kaffir lime leaves

835 ml (28¹/₅ fl oz / 3¹/₂ cups) heavy whipping cream

5 lemons, halved

Sea salt to taste

Ground white pepper to taste

Lecithin powder or foam stabiliser as needed

Lemon juice to taste

BASIL GEL 100 ml (3¹/₂ fl oz / ²/₅ cup) chicken stock

15 g ($^{1}/_{2}$ oz) unsalted butter, cut into cubes

1 g agar agar powder

185 g ($6^{1}/_{2}$ oz) basil leaves, blanched and processed with just enough water into a smooth purée

Sea salt to taste

Ground white pepper to taste

METHOD

Prepare lemongrass air. Sweat lemongrass and onion with butter in a medium stockpot over low heat until onions are transparent and lemongrass is soft. Add sake and kaffir lime leaves and reduce until almost dry. Add whipping cream and lemons, then bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Cover tightly with cling wrap and let steep for 20–25 minutes.

Strain mixture into a pan and bring to a simmer. Add salt, pepper and lecithin powder or foam stabiliser. Season with lemon juice if needed. Keep in a warm place. Use an immersion hand blender to introduce air.

Prepare basil gel. Bring chicken stock and butter to a boil in a small pot and whisk in agar agar. Continue whisking slowly, adding in basil purée while holding the pot over an ice bath. Season with salt and pepper. Allow to cool for at least 2–4 hours. Blend basil gel until smooth. Place in a squeeze bottle until ready to use.

Prepare salt water bath. Place water and salt in a large pot and allow kombu to infuse for 4 hours.

Preheat oven to 160°C (320°F).

Soak *amadai* in salt water bath, scale-side only. Pat dry with a kitchen towel. Using a skewer, pull *amadai* straight so that it does not curl.

Place *amadai* skin-side up in a baking pan. Heat grapeseed oil in a pan to 60°C (140°C) and pour oil over skin.

Bake *amadai* for 4–6 minutes.

Serve amadai with lemongrass air and basil gel. Garnish as desired.

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ATSUSHI UCHIBORI

Chef, EBURIKO Karuizawa, Japan French cuisine (specialising

in mushrooms)

Cooking style I love to cook mushrooms with French techniques.

Biggest achievement Introducing the appeal of mushrooms to many people. I would like to continue doing so.

Dreams and aspirations I want to expand on the potential of mushrooms and create new recipes.

Go-to food after a busy dinner service Mizutaki (chicken hot pot).

Salamandre.

potential.

Cooking philosophy

Respect the ingredient and maximise its

Kitchen utensil you can't live without

Cooking tips Enjoy the cooking and observe the process.

Mushroom-stuffed Potato with Porcini Sauce

Serves 4

Oil as needed

 $100 \text{ g} (3^{1}/_{2} \text{ oz}) \text{ mushrooms of your}$ choice, diced

4 medium potatoes

2 Tbsp fresh cream

Salt to taste

Ground black pepper to taste

500 g (1 lb $1^{1/2}$ oz) beef cheeks $300 \text{ ml} (10 \text{ fl oz} / 1^{1}/_{4} \text{ cups})$ 100 ml ($3^{1}/_{2}$ fl oz / $^{2}/_{5}$ cup) bouillon

PORCINI POWDER

red wine

STEWED BEEF CHEEKS

5 dried porcini mushrooms

PURÉED PORCINI 100 g $(3^{1}/_{2} \text{ oz})$ porcini mushrooms, cut into 1-cm (1/2-in) pieces 100 ml ($3^{1}/_{2}$ fl oz / $^{2}/_{5}$ cup) bouillon 2 Tbsp fresh cream $10 g (1/_3 oz)$ butter

METHOD

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Prepare stewed beef cheeks. Place beef cheeks in a heavy-bottomed pan with red wine and bouillon and simmer over low heat for 3 hours. Remove beef cheeks and cook sauce until reduced. Reserve sauce for later. Set beef cheeks aside to cool before dicing into 7–8 mm $(^{1}/_{5}-in)$ pieces.

Prepare porcini powder. Place dried porcini mushrooms in a food processor and process until fine. Set aside.

Prepare puréed porcini. Place porcini mushrooms and bouillon in a pot and bring to a boil. Add fresh cream and butter and cook until mushrooms are soft. Place mushrooms in a food processor and process into a purée.

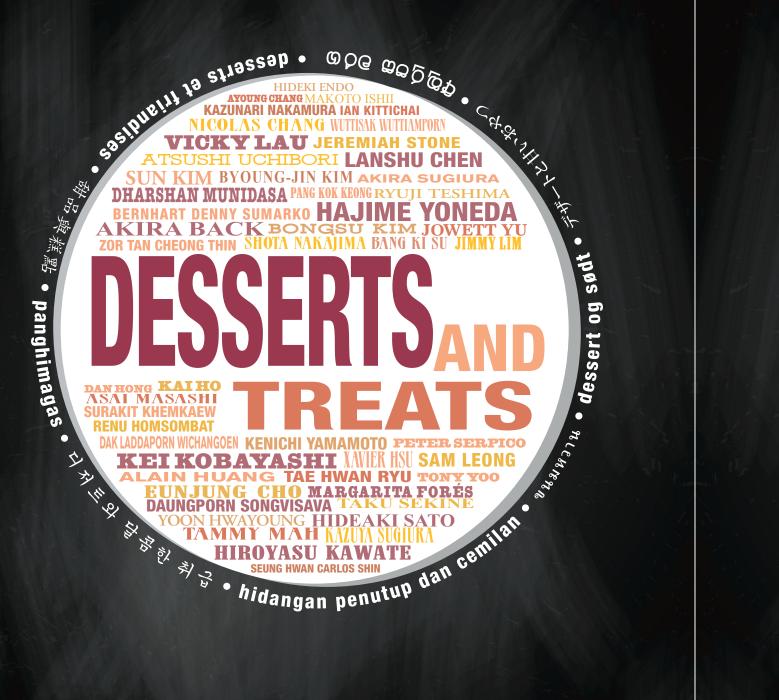
Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Sauté mushrooms. Remove from heat. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F).

Bring potatoes in a pot to a boil. Ensure that potatoes remain firm. Remove from heat and set aside to cool. Peel potatoes then mash roughly with fresh cream. Season with salt and pepper. Add diced stewed beef cheeks and diced mushrooms. Mix well. Divide into 4 balls and place on a baking tray. Bake for 10 minutes.

To serve, spoon some stewed beef cheek sauce on a serving plate, and arrange a potato beef ball in the centre. Top with puréed porcini and sprinkle with porcini powder. Garnish as desired.





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HIROYASU KAWATE

Owner and Chef, FLORILÈGE

Tokyo, Japan

French-Japanese cuisine

Cooking style French-Japanese.

Background story behind this dish I've been making Pain D'olive for about six years at Florilège. It was always served to every customer. This dessert is suitable for any occasion, from home parties to buffets.

Biggest achievement

When I received the One to Watch Award for Asia in 2016, at the Asia's 50 Best Restaurants ceremony. I gained many opportunities to cook for overseas visitors because of the award. Main motivation to becoming a chef I was influenced by my father because he was a chef. His kitchen was my playground when I was a child.

Earliest memory with food Hamburger steak which my father made.

Go-to food after a busy dinner service Soba noodles.

Pain D'olive

Serves 4

280 ml (9¹/₂ fl oz / 1¹/₅ cups) milk 70 ml (2²/₅ fl oz / 3 /₁₀ cup) heavy cream (47% fat) 20 g (²/₃ oz) castor sugar 360 g (12³/₅ oz) green olives 5 egg yolks 2 eggs 1 tsp salt 4 squares brioche, cut into 1-cm (¹/₂-in) cubes Unsalted butter as needed

METHOD

Preheat oven to 200°C (400°F).

Place milk and heavy cream in a heatproof bowl over low heat and warm to 37° C (98.6°F). Add sugar and stir to dissolve.

Combine milk-cream mixture with olives, egg yolks, eggs and salt in a food processor and process until fine. Pass processed ingredients through a sieve.

Using a chopstick, poke a few holes on brioche squares. Pour mixture over brioche and allow brioche to soak in mixture well.

Heat 4 tsp butter in a hot pan over medium heat and toast all surfaces of brioche squares. Place on a baking tray.

Place brioche squares in oven and bake for 5–6 minutes. Remove from heat.

Garnish as desired and serve.

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