



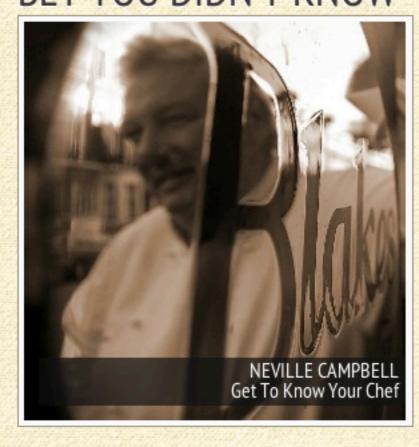
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♠ The Boltons



While this evening is all about getting to know the chef behind the culinary artistry at Blakes, we thought we'd let you begin the relationship now, with some of his thoughts on his life and cooking as excerpted from flavor magazine ...

"I used to watch The Galloping Gourmet, Graham Kerr, during my school holidays...1974 or 75 I think it was, and he always picked out the pretty woman in the front row and they had dinner. The combination of great food and beautiful women meant the seed was sewn!"

"A new day always brings new experiences...new tasks... new ideas... I love getting to market to see the best produce of the day whether it be Smithfields, New Covent Garden or Billingsgate. The sights and sounds of the market just invigorate me and excite me and I can't wait to get back in the kitchen."

"If I could have anyone prepare me a three-course meal it would have to be my mum. She passed a long time ago but her memory is always with me in the kitchen. I'd start with a clear chicken broth with pearl barley and veg, corned beef hash for mains followed by a classic sherry trifle for pudding."

"You cannot be impatient as it takes years, not months to become a chef. Hard and long unsociable hours are the norm (of being a chef) but you get a fabulous reward at the end of a good service. Enjoy today though, because tomorrow's another day."

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It's hard to improve upon an evening spent dining in the private Chinese Room at Blakes Hotel. The decor is impeccable: a sexy black and red palette; walls layered with fans made from the feathers of rare birds; a profusion of exotic slipper orchids; and candles adding their intimate glow to the already alluring setting. The service is impeccable. And the food ... some of the best in the world.

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And while it might be hard to improve on perfection, Lime & Tonic's found a way. We've not only worked with Chef de Cuisine Neville Campbell to create a 3-course member's-only menu filled with a selection of his finest dishes, we've arranged for Chef Campbell himself to visit with your group personally! It's an evening that adds true depth to dining as he explains his inspiration behind the menu and answers your questions about his artistry and his time at Blakes.

And about that artistry ...

After a welcome champagne reception, you'll be presented with the first course: either diver scallops with ginger and basil or Burrata mozzarella with fresh figs. Now that your senses have been awakened, it's time for the main course: black cod with miso and ginger sauce; rack of English lamb with rosemary & mint cous cous; or angel hair pasta accented by rich and earthy black truffle. Finally, two sweet endings await. First your choice of dessert: coconut ice cream with lime and palm sugar or dark chocolate fondant with vanilla & pistachio ice cream. Second, your chat with Chef Campbell in which he shares his secrets and discusses his time at Blakes, giving you a true behind-the-scenes look at one of London's most renowned hotels.





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