



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
Bangkok

World Gourmet Festival

Four Season
Hotel Bangkok,
September 9 – 16

This month, Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok is hosting the World Gourmet Festival for the eighth year in a row. The celebration showcases quality food, superb wines and some of the world's most famous chefs in a week-long extravaganza of cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, wine tuitions, lunches, brunches, wine dinners and a gala dinner featuring a dish cooked by each participating chef.



The event is not an easy affair to organize and Director of Food and Beverage Malcom Omond points out that it requires a team effort to pull it off. "The team," he says, "consists not only of staff at the hotel, but also includes the various sponsors. Without people like Thai Airways, who work hard to get our chef's and their assistants here, it would be impossible to conduct an event like this. Other sponsors like Royal Porcelain, Citibank, Mercedes-Benz and Canpac Beverages also make significant contributions."



Steven Saw, Fins Restaurant, Byron Bay, Australia



Douglas Rodriguez, Lucho Restaurants, London, England

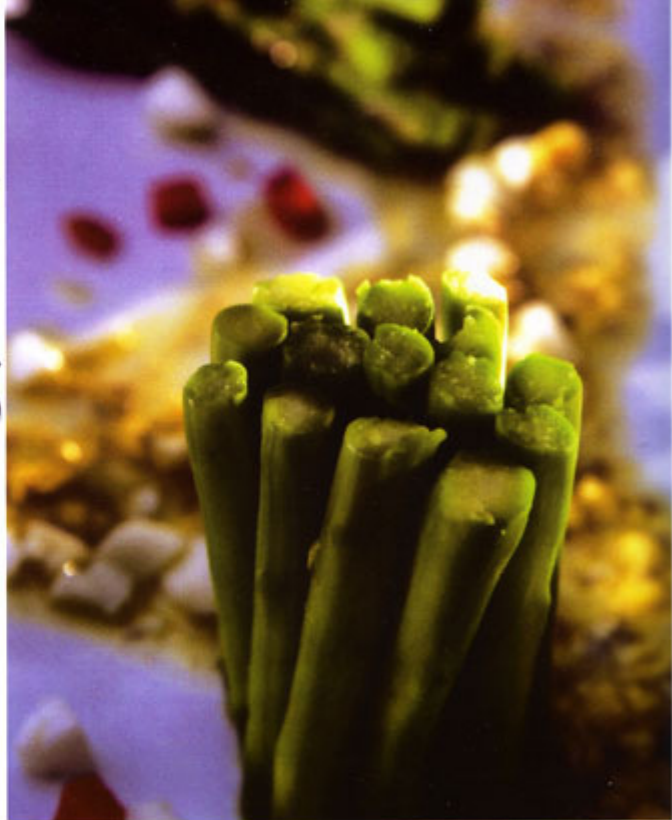


Nicole Krasinski,
Rubicon, San Francisco, USA



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A Culinary Life

Susur Lee, Susur and Lee, Toronto, Canada



The chefs at this year's festival include the following:

- Patrizia di Benedetto, Bye-Bye Blues, Palermo, Sicily, Italy
- Paul Wilson, The Botanical, Melbourne, Australia
- Michael Ginor, Hudson Valley Foie Gras, New York State, USA
- Romain Fornell, Caelis, Barcelona, Spain
- Douglas Rodriguez, Gaucho Restaurants, London, England
- Steven Snow, Fins Restaurant, Byron Bay, Australia
- Nicole Krasinski, Rubicon, San Francisco, USA
- Roberto Donna, Galileo, Washington, DC, USA
- Suzanne Tracht, Jar Restaurant, Los Angeles, USA
- Susur Lee, Susur and Lee, Toronto, Canada
- Katrina Kanetani, Pier Restaurant, Sydney, Australia

Another major problem is arranging the wine to accompany the meals. "We have to arrange the wines prior to finalization of the menus. This can create some problems, but we have a wide selection of available so we can usually arrange good matches between food and wine. We work closely with our suppliers at the hotel and they are very helpful."

Events are scheduled for every day. Interested Bangkokians should contact the hotel for schedules and reservations. Many of the events are fully booked so be sure to make your reservations as far in advance as possible.



Patrizia di Benedetto, Bye-Bye Blues, Palermo, Sicily, Italy



Roberto Donna, Galileo, Washington, DC, USA