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## **MATT ROSEN, CHEF DE CUISINE**



Born in Toronto, Ontario, Matt Rosen's interest in the culinary world started at age ten. He started as his mother's assistant in the kitchen by reading recipes and measuring ingredients. It was not long until he started planning and cooking Friday night family dinners. When asked what his inspiration to cook is, he says, "I have always cooked. I only cook because I love to cook. And the moment I don't, I will stop."

His introduction to the restaurant industry was as a bus boy at the age of 16. Once completing his formal education at the Stratford Chef School, he started work at Herbs Restaurant where he was in charge of pastry. In the years prior to joining SIR Corp, Rosen worked at Splendido restaurant in Toronto, and at Michael Statdlander's Eigensinn Farm.

In 2009, while working under chef Michael Steh, he was promoted from executive sous chef at reds® bistro & wine bar, to become chef de cuisine at FOUR®. Rosen spent two-and-a-half years in the kitchen at reds before being elevated into this new role at the company's healthy dining restaurant.

FOUR was not his first foray into healthy dining, however. In 2003, he helped open a health conscious café in Vancouver called Lunch Box Soup. Rosen loves the challenge of making healthy food taste good. It is all about the "re-invention of healthy food" that keeps him creative and inspired.

In November 2011, Matt entered a new venture at SIR Corp as Chef of the Loose Moose. Here he hopes to redefine what bar food looks and tastes like. He wishes to put a twist on well know items by using ingredients that don't necessarily seem go together.

Rosen collaborates with SIR Corp. Director of Culinary, Gordon Mackie, who provides culinary leadership for the restaurants The Loose Moose, FOUR, Petit Four, reds and Far Niente.

In addition to spending time with his wife, Ilana, and two young kids, Oliver and Maxim, he loves to cook an authentic southern BBQ. He also hopes to one day retire by opening a diner in a sleepy beach town.