



Vikas Khanna (born November 14, 1971) is an Indian chef, who has also become

He started developing recipes at a very young age and opened Lawrence Gardens Banquets to host weddings and family functions when he was 16. He graduated from the Welcomgroup Graduate School of Hotel Administration in 1994. He started a company SAANCH, a cultural festival gala, to bring together food and traditions from different parts of India. This festival is an integral part of the college even now. He also learnt the art of sculpting stone and wood in Jaipur, Mysore, Udipi, and Sagar (Karnataka). He has worked for the Taj, Oberoi, Welcomgroup, and Leela Group of Hotels with some of the most influential chefs of India.

He moved to New York in December, 2000, and started working as a dishwasher. He worked his way up and soon became the Executive Chef of Salaam Bombay Restaurant in New York. He is a consultant to many restaurants in the US and has his own line of packaged foods, Gourmetgurus.

He has studied at Cornell University, Culinary Institute of America, and New York University. He frequently lectures at many universities around the country.

Sakiv

Vikas Khanna launched the small company SAKIV (South Asian Kid's Infinite Vision) to reach out to eye foundations around the world in an effort to create awareness about vision disorders in children.

Vision of Palate is his award winning workshop developed to educate people with visual disabilities about the sense of taste, flavor and aromas.

Cooking for Life

New York Chefs Cooking for Life was founded to organize tasting events with some of the top chefs of New York to help raise money and awareness for different relief efforts around the world like Tsunami, Gulf Coast Hurricane Disaster, South Asian Earthquake and many more. Chicago Chefs Cooking for Life and San Francisco Chefs Cooking for Life are the other chapters of the organization.

World Chefs Cooking for Life is a series of culinary events being hosted at the World Wonders to advance SATH's (Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality) mission to create awareness for the needs of people with disabilities. The first event of the series, The Living Pyramids is to be hosted at the Pyramids of Giza on July 20th, 2006. All proceeds from these events will be used by SATH to promote accessibility programs in Egypt and beyond.

Books

Vikas Khanna Ayurveda - The Science of Food and Life
Mango Mia - Celebrating the tropical world of Mangoes
The Cuisine of Gandhi - Based on the beliefs of the Legend
The Spice Story of India
New York Chefs Cooking for Life - Cookbook

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