

JEAN-PIERRE MARECHAL BIOGRAPHY

Belgian born Executive Chef Jean Pierre Marechal of the Charlotte Marriott City Center hotel has always been passionate about food and started working in the kitchen when he was only 12. Growing up in Belgium, the young future chef Marechal entered culinary school at the age of 14 and graduated at 17. Jean-Pierre completed his post-graduation work with an emphasis on hotel operations and administration.

With his coursework complete, Jean-Pierre then traveled the world becoming a renowned "Garde-Manger" and banquet chef with the Club Med organization. This opportunity took him around the world on five continents and more than twenty one countries including France, Spain, Italy, Morocco, Israel, Malaysia, Japan and the Caribbean. His vegetable and ice carvings have "wowed" the Club Med Resort clientele.

Jean-Pierre then opened the first Renaissance hotel in South America in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He moved with Renaissance to the United States in 2000, starting in Chicago, then relocating to San Diego. He later moved to Charlotte, North Carolina in October 2004 and has transformed the banquet department at the Charlotte Marriott City Center into one of the finest culinary operations in the southeast and currently holds the position of Executive Chef at the Charlotte Marriott City Center.

Jean-Pierre and staff were recently invited to represent the Charlotte Marriott City Center's fine dining restaurant, *Savannah Red* at the highly anticipated dinner "*A Bold Taste of Charlotte*" at the James Beard House in New York City. Chef Marechal has been recognized for his unique program building strong relationships with local farmers, supporting the local farming community and has been interviewed as a result of these efforts in numerous publications.



Jean-Pierre Marechal speaks seven languages and his culinary tendencies are French-Mediterranean with a touch of South American.

For more information on Jean-Pierre Marechal, Savannah Red or the Charlotte Marriott City Center hotel, visit <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/cltcc-charlotte-marriott-city-center/>

Note to editors: Chef Marachel is available for television appearances and demonstrations.

