

Renowned Chef Bobby Lee Ross Makes Triumphant Return to Galveston Island as Moody Gardens' New Executive Chef

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Moody Gardens is excited to introduce the esteemed **Chef Bobby Lee Ross as its new Executive Chef**, marking his return to Galveston Island where he has made a significant impact in the culinary scene. With an established reputation for culinary excellence and **a passion for uniting people** through food, Chef Ross is ready to **expand and elevate the casual and fine dining experiences** at the Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa, and Convention Center.

Chef Ross's culinary journey was sparked by **his upbringing in South Korea**, where his mother's home-cooked meals and trips to the market to buy fresh seafood left a lasting impression. "I learned how food can impact people's lives and bring people closer," Chef Ross shared. This early **exposure ignited his passion** for the culinary arts.

Having held previous roles at distinguished establishments such as Houston's Westin Hotel – Memorial City, Landry's Restaurants and the Hotel Galvez & Spa, and the Hotel Galvez & Spa. Chef Ross has not only **showcased exceptional talent** but also a **deep love for Galveston Island**. Throughout his career, he has overseen multiple outlets, developed and implemented new menus, managed large teams with his award-winning management style, and consistently delivered **outstanding guest experiences**.

Chef Ross's return to the island holds special significance, as his **family is from the island**. Having worked in Galveston for over 15 years, he is thrilled to bring his expertise back to a place that is an integral part of the **island's rich history**.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chef Bobby Lee Ross to the Moody Gardens family. **His impressive culinary expertise** and **dedication to delivering exceptional dining experiences** align perfectly with our mission to provide **unforgettable moments** for our guests," said John Zendt, President and CEO of Moody Gardens. "With his return to the island, we are excited to see **the innovative and diverse culinary creations** he will bring to our guests' tables."

Moody Gardens extends a **warm invitation** to guests to personally meet Chef Ross at the **Galveston Island Wine Festival, happening this Labor Day weekend**. Don't miss the chance to greet him and savor over **90 wine varietals** from more than **40 participating wineries**. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to connect with other **accomplished chefs from across the region** at the *top wine festival on the Gulf Coast*.

Hotel packages and individual event tickets for the **"Penguins & Pinot: Grand Tasting"** and the **"Freedom Stories: Bourbon Tasting"** are available at www.moodygardens.org

For more information about Chef Bobby Lee Ross and upcoming events at Moody Gardens, please visit our website.

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