



Stefan Spath
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Stefan Spath is an award winning chef who began his culinary career more than 20 years ago when he was hired as an apprentice at Weierich; a small, exclusive family hotel located in Bamberg, Germany. Today, Stefan holds the position of Corporate Executive Chef for Couples Resorts, overseeing all four properties located throughout Negril and Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Stefan, who was recently promoted to Corporate Executive Chef from Regional Executive Chef in July 2008, has been with the Couples Resorts family since 1999. His brilliant culinary techniques have been featured in Caribbean Travel & Life magazine and on network TV shows in Barbados, as well as newspapers in both Jamaica and Barbados. Some of his most recent awards and decorations include the Jamaican Observer Food Award in 2007/2008, which featured his prize-winning Guava and Champagne Sorbet with Wild Thyme as "Most Innovative Dish;" in 2007 he made a guest chef appearance at Taste of Barbados; and in April of 2006 he received the honor of Distinguished Visiting Chef at Johnson & Wales University.

As an advocate of the local ingredient philosophy adopted by Couples Resorts, Stefan uses this indigenous technique to improve the quality and freshness of his original dishes at all four Couples Resorts properties. Stefan strives to use as many local Caribbean ingredients as possible, and also encourages local Jamaican farmers to improve their supply of organic fruits and vegetables.

Currently, Stefan is highly involved with the re-opening of the recently renovated Couples Ocho Rios, which will be reemerging as Couples Towers Isle in March 2009 following a \$25 million renovation. The resort's new name is a historical reference to the property's beginnings as a private island paradise which served as a Hollywood hangout throughout the 1950s and 60s.

Besides being a world renowned chef, Stefan is also an accomplished artist. He has taken part in one-man shows in both Jamaica and Germany, and has exhibited his paintings in both Miami and Kenya.

To learn more about Stefan, and view an image gallery of his most recent culinary events, fine cuisine and art, visit www.stefanspath.com.