

AZ Insider: Famous Chef Flies in from Hawaii

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Kathy's scoop on the sold out dinner at Roy's.

Celebrity chef **Roy Yamaguchi** flew in from Hawaii to share that special "Aloha" spirit with his Phoenix area following. Yes, it was truly, an EAT CREATIVE and ESCAPE the ORDINARY evening, with the chef who inspired the Pacific Rim cuisine with European techniques menu and the now 20 Roy's Hawaiian Fusion restaurants nationwide. About 200 people gathered for the sold out evening of Roy's special appearance at the Chandler location and the special event \$100 per person menu.

Chef **Patrick "Red" Bray**, who mentored under Chef Roy, is now at the helm of Roy's team of talented chefs at the Chandler location. He, along with Chandler Roy's managing partner **Timothy Sieker** also mingled with patrons during the special dinner for which each course was paired with wines from the Joseph Phelps winemaker. Here's a taste of the scrumptious menu:

The appetizer was Amuse Bouche Chardonnay Poached Maine Lobster, 1st course was Seared Sea Scallops & Duck Confit; 2nd course was 48 Hour Wagyu Short Rib, 3rd Course was Colorado Rack of Lamb and the 4th course was Spun Desert Honey.

By the way, just beneath the magnificent 500 gallon aquarium of saltwater vitbrantly colorful fish, was a display of auction items of sports memorabilia, and restaurant certificates to benefit Autism Speaks.



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