



BIOGRAPHY FOR DECLAN HORGAN

Declan Horgan is one of the most talented chefs in the culinary scene and is well on his way to becoming a household name in the 2020 decade. The 44 year-old Ireland native would begin falling in love with food at an early age, but his career officially began while studying culinary innovation and food product development while attending the DIT School of Culinary Arts and Food Technology in Dublin. By the late 1990s into the early 2000s, Declan had become a Chef De Partie at Dublin's most illustrious restaurants, one of which was Michelin-Star restaurant, Peacock Alley, where he began to fine-tune his skillset. In the mid-2000s he worked at La Grande Cascade which he was able to show his wide range from traditional French dishes to large-scale menus with Irish charm. He then moved onward to Mint and later to yet again another Michelin-Star Winning restaurant; Chapter One by Ross Lewis.

In 2013, Declan became the Restaurant Chef at Fadestreet Social by Dylan McGrath. Learning about homegrown produce and the perfect menu design not only led him to an Executive Head Chef position at an Irish restaurant in Virginia, but it also led him to the United States for the first time in his career in 2015. By 2017, his skills & talent opened yet another opportunity for him as he was offered the position as Executive Chef at an elite restaurant in his new home town of Washington DC, at the Wharf. This is where he cooked for the capitol's citizens and even Michelle Obama, who ordered Declan's renowned fish and chips. Combining his home country's flavour with his decades of culinary knowledge and careful but passionate approach, He has proven his chops to a number of historic chefs and delighted customers. Guy Fieri praised his performance on his Food Network show *Guy's Grocery Games*, and he even drew the rare compliments out of Gordon Ramsey when he appeared on *Hell's Kitchen* season 19 that aired on FOX.

His tenure on *Hell's Kitchen* S19, was nothing short of historic from the minute he walked on set. On top of being the first Irishman contestant in the show's history, Declan was the first contestant in S19 to receive a perfect five out of five stars on his very first dish. Over the course of countless weeks, fans of the show have seen what talent and genius is behind him, causing his social media channels such as Instagram to increase over four hundred percent. His immense knowledge, clear dedication to his craft, and his "*Lead, Follow, or F**K OFF*" mentality have made him a fan-favourite. Signing with *Ramiro Productions* as the first celebrity chef on the roster, he continues to make history and boasts impressive achievements. In addition to his new book, *New Irish Chef*, Declan teaches thousands of passionate professional and aspiring amateurs to cook meals full of flavour and heart both in-person & virtually across the world.