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TAJI MARIE

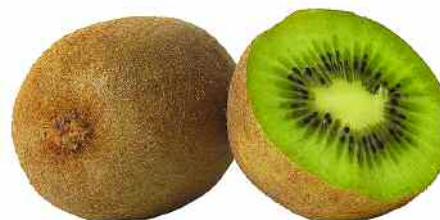
For Taji Marie, cooking is an international affair. As a restaurant chef, caterer, food stylist, culinary instructor and food writer, Taji has spent the last 15 years bringing together flavors from around the world. Blending Latin, Mediterranean, Asian and Caribbean ingredients, she creates recipes that are delicious and simple. Taji teaches culinary classes throughout Los Angeles and loves to introduce people to new and interesting ingredients — from kumquats to tamarind paste, pasilla chilies to yuzu, Taji brings her quest for cross-cultural cuisine to the classroom. On one of her favorite explorations, Taji enjoyed a year-long stay in the Caribbean, where she was a guest chef at Maho Bay Camps on the island of St. John. There, she created a rotating specialty menu with a focus on healthy cuisine and led her kitchen crew to serve more than 200 guests nightly.

She has a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and her articles and recipes have appeared in *Cooking Light* and *Wine Country Living* magazines. For more than three years, as the culinary manager for *Sur La Table* in the Los Angeles area, she worked with well-known chefs from around the world on cooking demonstrations and book signings, including Donna Hay, Joanne Weir, Anne Willan and Rachael Ray. She has recently accepted the position of executive chef for the well-known international law firm, Latham and Watkins, where she is leading their efforts to re-create the corporate dining experience.

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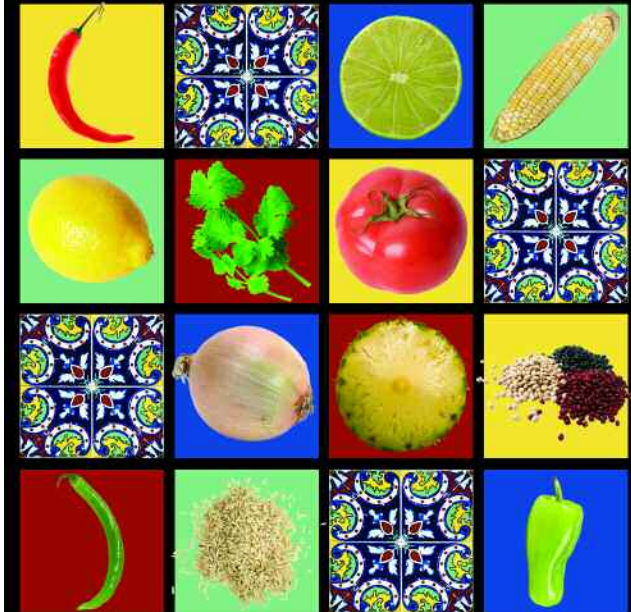
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