



## Marvin Woods

*Chef, Author and Television Host*

**Chef Marvin Woods is a beloved television host, lauded cookbook author and celebrated chef. He is recognized by his warm personality and signature bandanas.**

**Chef Woods is a 26-year veteran in the hospitality and restaurant industry. Chef Woods has donned the toque blanc or in his case the bandana for such notables as Trump at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, The Sea Grill at Rockefeller Center, Windows on the World, Helmsley Palace, Quatorze and Arizona 206 before further cultivating his talent by doing a four**

**year stint in Europe.**

**In 1994 Chef Woods took over as Executive Chef at New York's Café Beulah's, and started to win industry acclaim so much so that he caught the attention of publishers and television executives for his approach on Low Country. Along with the restaurant accolades, came a book deal with William Morrow/Harper Collins and several guest visits on Television Food Network. His first book, "The New Low Country," garnered national media attention, including appearances on *CBS This Morning*, *Discovery Network* and *Lifetime*. *Publisher's Weekly* proclaimed, "Woods' inventiveness makes him a chef to watch!"**

**Chef Woods took his skills on the road once again this time heading south to Miami where he held the executive chef position at Savannah Restaurant, The National Hotel, Hollywood Prime at the Westin Diplomat and then finally his own restaurant M. Woods.**

**At this time Chef Woods cuisine has evolved to be rooted in northern and western parts of Africa, South America, the Caribbean and the Low Country. What he calls the "African Diaspora cuisine" Chef Woods' food has been regularly featured in *O magazine*, *Food & Wine*, *Southern Living* and many more national publications. Oprah declared, Chef Marvin Woods' dishes are light, sophisticated, exotic"**

**Executives at Turner South selected Chef Woods to host a new television show, *Home Plate*. The show was the perfect vehicle to showcase Chef Woods' charismatic personality as well as his lighter twist on traditional Southern cooking. It soon became the number one original show on the network, regularly attracting more than 7.2 million viewers. *Home Plate* successfully ran for four seasons until the network was acquired by Fox Sports in 2006. The show spawned a second cookbook, *Home Plate Cooking* (Rutledge Hill Press 2004), which continues to sell in major book stores and on line at Amazon.com.**

**Currently Chef Woods is writing his third cookbook while he travels nationally and internationally hosting charitable events and performing cooking demos. His passion is motivating and entertaining, anyone who will listen to how to have a Better Life Through Food.**

**Chef Woods has developed and manages a kid's wellness program for the Atlanta Public School System, called Droppin' Knowledge with Chef Marvin Woods, focusing on a positive way to combat childhood obesity and teenage diabetes.**

**Chef Woods is also working on an all natural no sodium, no salt spice line as well as an all natural no sugar, low sodium sauce line that will be in stores in 2009.**