



JOAQUIN KOERPER, CHEF DE GALA AT THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF ALEXANDRE PEREIRA IN THE ZURICH OPERA HOUSE

Madrid, 15th October 2007. Joaquim Koerper was the person entrusted with the Gala Dinner to mark the 60th Anniversary of Alexandre Pereira held in the Zurich Opera House.

Joaquim Koerper, the prestigious German Chef, now living in Spain, was designated to present the Gala Dinner to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Director Alexandre Pereira in the Zurich Opera House. This took place on the 11th October 2007 and accounted for a series of commemorative events in honour of the Director, who has held this position since 1991.

The programme commenced with the Opera, Cinderella, with the mezzo soprano Celicia Bartola, a light hearted work by Rossini, with libretto by Jacopo Ferretti. Later, and on the same stage a dinner for 200 people was served. Among them outstanding figures of Swiss classical music.

It consisted of a lengthy four course dinner without aperitifs which we set out below:

- Mediterranean Shrimp Salad with Sweetened Tomato and Orange Caviar
- Fillet of Sea Bass, Artichokes and..... with an Oyster Sauce
- Rack of Lamb with a crust of cayenne pepper, Cheese Potatoes and Spring Vegetables
- Pineapple symphony
- Confectionary and `Tejas`

The Austrian, Alexandre Pereira has spent 16 years as head of the Zurich Opera, and since his incorporation has raised it to the same levels as Milan, Vienna, or New York.

Joaquim Koerper, born in Germany and now residing in Spain, is one of the most reputable chefs in the Peninsula. Among the numerous prizes he has been awarded for his work are 5 Michelin Stars. These include El Girasol de Moraira in Alicante where he worked for 15 years. Eleven (Lisbon) and El Arambol in La Casa del Abad de Ampudia (Palencia). This last one has been repeated a few times and is the first Michelin Star awarded to a Hotel in Castillo y León. In actual fact he also controls the kitchen of the La Gigantea restaurant in the Hotel Monument Mas Passamaner, La Selva del Camp (Tarragona). Joaquim Koerper chose personnel from his restaurants to assist him in this very special celebration in Zurich.

Alexandre Pereira and Joaquim Koerper have been in contact with each other for seven years since the chef organized a Gala Dinner in the same Opera House in Zurich to celebrate the DVD edition of the Barber of Seville. Fascinated by Koerper's good work, the Director decided to choose him for this celebrated event.

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