



**DEAN RONA**  
**EXECUTIVE CHEF**

**PATINA GROUP/OPERA HOUSE**

**DEAN RONA RECEIVED HIS FIRST APPLICATION TO CULINARY SCHOOL WHEN HE WAS JUST 10 YEARS OLD. HE ATTENDED THE NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL OF COOKING AT AGE 11 AND WAS WASHING DISHES IN HIS FIRST RESTAURANT AT 14.**

**IN 2005, RONA MET WITH JOACHIM SPLICHAL AND BEGAN HIS TENURE WITH PATINA AT PATINA CATERING. WHILE MANAGING THE KITCHEN FOR PATINA CATERING, RONA HONED HIS SKILLS WITH VIP EVENTS SUCH AS THE EMMY'S GOVERNOR'S BALL, INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS, FILM RELEASES AND NUMEROUS EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE DINNERS.**

**IN 2007, CHEF RONA WAS PROMOTED TO EXECUTIVE CHEF IN THE PATINA RESTAURANT GROUP AND HEADED SEVERAL OF THE COMPANY'S PREMIERE LOCATIONS INCLUDING; THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, ORANGE COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND THE CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. AT THE END OF 2008, RONA WAS TAPPED TO RUN THE KITCHEN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO WAR MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE AND SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY.**

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**WAR MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE**