



Granite Restaurant & Bar™



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Granite Restaurant & Bar Appoints Corey Fletcher Executive Chef

Concord, NH - Granite Restaurant & Bar, a New Hampshire Magazine Best of NH 2009 and Wine Spectator Award selection winner that has quickly become a fixture as one of the area's most popular upscale restaurants, is pleased to announce the arrival of Corey Fletcher as Executive Chef. Fletcher, whose most recent assignment was at the Colby Hill Inn in nearby Henniker, NH, is no stranger to the Concord-area restaurant scene, having been the opening Chef at 55 Degrees, which for a few years was a popular Main Street wine bar and tapas (small portions) landmark.

"I'm very excited to be back in Concord and looking forward to re-connecting with many friends from my recent past. I'm particularly excited at the opportunity to build from Granite's significant accomplishments and hope to contribute to what has been its passionate focus on producing wonderful culinary interpretations of the unique bounty New England offers" (as in the past, Granite will continue with its many seasonal & regional providers).

Corey, a New Hampshire native, has followed his passion for cooking throughout New England, initially from summers at the Cliff House (Ogunquit, Maine) to winter/school year stints at Baldwin's On Elm (Manchester, NH) and eventually to sauté responsibility at Nantucket's Topper's at The Wauwinet (a Relais and Chateaux property). His cuisine favors simplicity that permits two or three flavors to heighten/not mask the core item in every dish.

Fletcher attended Southern New Hampshire University where he graduated *cum laude* in May, 2003.

Granite Restaurant & Bar - www.GraniteRestaurant.com - is located within Concord's contemporary upscale Centennial Hotel, at 96 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301 (www.TheCentennialHotel.com, (603) 227-9000). For Granite reservations please call (603) 225-7102.

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