

Timothy Morgan

Food Director - Sage Dining, The Awty International School

Biography

Tim was born in Perth, Australia in 1970, the first boy to a family of three children – he has a younger brother and sister who live in New York and New Zealand respectively. Tim's father was an international banker with the Australia / New Zealand Bank (ANZ) and consequently the family was sent to a number of worldwide destinations when Tim was a boy.

His family moved to London, United Kingdom in 1980 when Tim was 10 years old, so if his accent is strange, this would explain it! Then at 12 years old, Tim's family was moved to Los Angeles, USA for another two-year spell. The family finally moved back to Australia in 1984 when Tim was 14, but to Melbourne which is a large cosmopolitan city of 3.8 million people on the southern coast of Australia. It was here in 1989 after a short spell in University studying commerce and business, that Tim decided that the world of food was actually what excited him.

He started his apprenticeship in 1989 which lasted four years and gave Tim the foundations for a future in the restaurant and catering world. In 1993, as Tim's family were on the move again, this time to Japan, Tim decided to take a year in Tokyo where he worked in one of the busy downtown clubs as barman.

In 1994, Tim decided to start out on his cooking career in London, where he had seen and read great things about the developing taste for fine cuisine and opportunities to work with great chefs were many. While in London, Tim learned his cooking skills in French, Italian and modern British gourmet restaurants and his experience with the great London chefs included a spell with Anthony Worrell Thompson, the TV chef and restaurateur well known in Britain for winning the Mouton Rothschild Menu Competition and the Meilleur Ouvrier de Grande Bretagne (the chef's Oscar equivalent) and two Michelin star French born Brunet Luobet, both of whom taught Tim a huge amount about the love, preparation and presentation of excellent food.

Tim met his wife (Irish born) Michele in 1995 who works for the oil industry and so also is no stranger to worldwide regular travel. Together, they traveled around Indonesia for a few months in 1996, savoring the delights of the country's culture and cuisine before heading to Australia to meet Tim's parents and family. There they announced their engagement and returned to Britain in late 1996 to continue their respective careers. In July 1997, Tim and Michele held a large lively wedding in Dublin, Ireland and honeymooned along the west coast of Ireland at a fly-fishing lodge where Tim developed a love of Salmon, Irish soda bread and Guinness!

Tim and Michele settled in central London for a number of years until 2001 when Michele was asked to move to Stavanger, Norway for the Norwegian oil and gas company, Statoil. Tim found work quickly in the town's renowned Fish Restaurant where some of Stavanger's best meals are served. There must have been something in the air because in November 2002, Michele and Tim welcomed the arrival of twin girls, Gemma and Natasha.

In 2005, Michele's company, Statoil, opened a new and busy Oil Exploration and Production office here in Houston, and in 2006, Michele was asked to transfer to this great town to help

Statoil get on with the business of oil exploration in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico. She gladly accepted and so the family of four moved here in summer 2006.

This has offered Tim a great opportunity to work in this food loving community and he is hoping to use his wide breath of experience and travel to bring an exciting and healthy mix of food choices for the international community of children at The Awty International School. He is very much looking forward to the experience and welcomes ideas and input from both the school staff and the school parent community.