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Downtown Alliance Launches Guest Blogger Series with Insight from Acclaimed Lower Manhattan Chef Maximo Lopez May



Chef Lopez May.

New York, NY (March 7, 2011) —The Alliance for Downtown New York has launched a series of guest columns and features on its Lower Manhattan Diary blog to spotlight all that is happening around the district.

Today's entry is by internationally acclaimed chef Maximo Lopez May, the Executive Chef at the Andaz Wall Street's Wall & Water restaurant.

The Lower Manhattan Diary blog includes weekday posts about neighborhood events and activities, businesses, museums, restaurants, personalities, and photographs showcasing Lower Manhattan. Each week, the Downtown Alliance will highlight a "Retailer of the Week," featuring a business or restaurant.

Today's guest post features a Q&A with Lopez May. Besides running the full service restaurant, he oversees the city's only hotel-run farmers market during the summer, and

integrates goods from that market into his bi-monthly cooking classes. Through it all, Lopez May is changing the way people think about the Lower Manhattan dining scene.

"I was attracted to the heat, stress and energy of kitchens," the chef said about his budding interest in cooking. "I started to realize that kitchens are fun, exciting places."

You can read the full post at blog.downtownny.com.

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