

FLORIDA, SYDNEY ... NOW 'DISH' CHEF TOM GORE TURNS TO MANCHESTER CUISINE

An international chef who has worked at one of America's top 50 restaurants, on a luxury Caribbean cruise ship, and for an event caterer overlooking Sydney Opera House ... is now turning to Manchester for his latest inspiration.

And he's promising a new 'take' on some of the area's classic traditional dishes, from Rochdale's rag pie to Manchester tart, wants to do something totally different with Bury's black pudding, and even fancies poaching in Vimto.

"Regional dishes fascinate me and I can't wait to incorporate the best of Manchester's traditional food into the new menus that 'Dish' is introducing for corporate events, weddings and parties," says Tom Gore.

Tom is executive chef at Manchester's newest catering operation 'Dish' – which launches its first regional branch, outside London, at next week's RSVP North show at Manchester Central on Wednesday, 21 April.

It will be the first time that Tom has cooked in Manchester – although the 27 year-old Essex-born chef has worked from Florida to Australia since qualifying at catering college, working at The Lanesborough in Hyde Park and for the famed Roux Brothers.

In Florida he worked at the California Grill, one of the top 50 restaurants in the US, at a five star Disney resort next to the Magic Kingdom in Orlando. In London he polished his experience of Japanese food at Knightsbridge's 'Restaurant of the Year' award-winning Zuma.

He went back to Disney for a spell on one of their luxury Caribbean cruise ships before settling into London event catering, at venues such as the British Museum and National Gallery, and heading to the Australian 'Cuisine Group' in Sydney's harbour area.

Since joining 'Dish' in 2006, Tom has taken their menus to a different level and now wants to "make a real difference" to the catering options in Manchester

"Dish is all about merging traditional values with modern professionalism and an elegant but relaxed style of service," he says.

"That's why I want to absorb the historic food heritage of Greater Manchester and Lancashire and reflect it in what Dish offers. It's going to be great fun."