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## **Biography of Chef Jean-Robert de Cavé**

Jean-Robert de Cavé was born in Roubaix, France. After serving his culinary apprenticeship in Lille, France, he worked under Master Chef Jo Rostang in the French Riviera and the British West Indies and then, at age 26, was named Executive Chef at La Regence restaurant at the Hotel Plaza Athenee in New York City.

In 1993, after eight years in New York, Jean-Robert moved to Cincinnati to serve as Chef de Cuisine at the Maisonette, at the time the longest-running Mobil five-star restaurant in the United States. Under his tenure the Maisonette earned eight additional five-star Mobil ratings.

Jean-Robert left the Maisonette in 2001 – four years before it closed – to open his own restaurant, Jean-Robert at Pigall's, which was subsequently named by Conde Nast Traveler as one of the Top 75 new restaurants in the world. It was associated with Relais & Chateaux, one of only 13 such restaurants in the U.S. and the only Relais Gourmand restaurant in the Tri-State. Jean-Robert at Pigall's was also named a Mobile four-star restaurant, again the only one in Greater Cincinnati.

Jean-Robert has been featured in Wine Spectator, Bon Appétit, Food Arts, Gourmet, Esquire and Conde Nast Traveler magazines. He is a three time nominee for Best Chef, Midwest by the James Beard Foundation.

In 2007, Jean-Robert earned the title of Maitre Cuisinier de France, French Master Chef.

In recent years Jean-Robert has donated his time and talents on behalf of such organizations as the March of Dimes, Hospice of Cincinnati, the James Beard Foundation, the Cincinnati Zoo and Taste of the NFL.

In March 2003, Jean-Robert and his wife Annette founded 7 Days for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), after the loss of their baby daughter, Tatiana. Although the inaugural event was initially intended as a one-night fundraiser, the outpouring of support from friends and colleagues in the restaurant community turned it into a one-week event and consequently the largest SIDS fundraiser in the country. To date, the event has raised over \$500,000. 7 Days for SIDS is the largest source of funding for the SID Network of Ohio, which provides grief support, awareness and education. 7 Days for SIDS also funds the Tatiana de Cavé Scholarship Fund at the Midwest Culinary Institute.

Jean-Robert's humanitarian work was cited, along with his culinary achievements, when in 2002 he was awarded the Medal of the Chevalier de l'Ordre du Merite (one of France's highest civilian honors) by the consul general of France.

He lives in Newport, Kentucky with his wife and their daughter, Laetitia.