

Geoffrey Zakarian

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Chestnuts are my favorite ingredient to use in the fall, especially for the holidays. I always find that they are meaty, hearty and have a mysterious refinement when cooked or roasted over sea salt.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

Determine who you are and what your brand is, and what you're not. The rest of it is just a lot of noise.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

My mother's blueberry pie from scratch was amazing. I still make it today.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

The most important things in life happen over conversations while eating.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

I don't enjoy eating humble pie.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

I like old fashioned things. We have these old wine buckets at the restaurant and none of them match.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

If you give a discount there's a desperation there and I like to substitute desperation with service and real quality. And the desperation goes away.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

It's really an honor to be included in such an incredible lineup of chefs. The team Borgata has assembled is by far one of the best on the East Coast.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

I'm very active. I've got two small daughters and four restaurants in three cities. I'm busy.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

I love hospitality, and I love cooking. The kitchen is where I feel most at ease and where I feel most like myself.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

The worst day is just that I did not enter the culinary world sooner. And the best day was seeing the reaction of my one year old daughter when she tasted her first crisp apple!

~Geoffrey Zakarian

I'll transform anything as long as it's edible.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

A plate of food has to have balance. For example, a mild fish like skate mustnt be overwhelmed by the side dishes. They should have personality and color, but they also have to be subtle.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

When I step into the kitchen in the morning, I go for the scrambled eggs with pine nuts and minced lamb. When I finish at night, it is hard to resist the burger.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

I really don't limit myself in any way. I just search for great flavors and marriages wherever they come from.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

Everybody these days wants to be a star, including myself. Don't get me wrong, I'm a chef but you want to market yourself and your projects.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

Days off are few and far between in the restaurant business. But on an hour off, I like to have a glass of wine with my wife.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

I've been working in boutique hotels my whole life.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

Everyone could use instructions on every aspect of cooking: pantry, storage, refrigeration, cooking, what to buy. Everyone that I come into contact with could use help.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

I begin my day online and end my day online. I like to prepare myself for the next day and have a sense of closure before I go to bed.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

Confit is not something that comes to mind for summer. Usually it means duck confit, made by cooking the legs and thighs in duck fat to preserve them for winter.

~Geoffrey Zakarian

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