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There's a new Chef in town!

A new face and a new taste will be coming to Motor City Casino's *Iridescence* restaurant with new head chef Don Yamauchi. Chef Don is very excited to start working in the kitchen of *Iridescence*.

"It is the nicest dining room in Michigan. With all the China, glass, 50 foot ceiling, open kitchen, and view...being in such luxury just isn't common anymore," said Chef Don. Yamauchi said that one aspect he is looking forward to the most is being able to cook and look out onto the city every day.

Chef Don was born and raised in Chicago but really enjoys being here in the motor city. He originally came to Detroit to work for the Whitney family at *Tribute*.

"Working for the Whitney family and *Tribute* was amazing" he added. It's what made Chef Don feel good about transitioning to Detroit and even though he will always call Chicago home he believes Detroit to have a smaller town feel.

"The people are so nice and not as on guard as in Chicago" said Chef Don. He even found a favorite neighborhood bar close to home, Farmington's *Dunleavy's Pub and Grub*.

"The bartender knew I was new and introduced me to everyone" said Yamauchi on feeling welcome in the city. It's the little things like that that make Chef Don really enjoy living in Detroit.

Being from the Midwest, Don feels that he is really in tune to what our public wants to eat and tries to do that for them. He isn't egotistical about what he needs to have on the menu. He doesn't want people to feel intimidated by the food. He wants them to be able to compare the dishes to those of other restaurants.

"If someone loves Salmon, I want them to love ours and when they want Salmon again they want to come to *Iridescence*," said Chef Don.

Yamauchi's concern for customer satisfaction is bringing a menu to *Iridescence* that is approachable and satisfying both in taste and price. Chef Don doesn't want any family to be concerned about price. *Iridescence* is a beautiful restaurant to experience and should be accessible to everyone on more than just special occasions.

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